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CONTRACTORS CASE—JUDGMENT

WHERE REMEDY LAY
WHEN POLICE WERE CALLED IN FOR PROTECTION

"MEMORANDUM IN WRITING"

That it is best to have the terms mentioned in writing was the advice given by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice P. Jacks) in delivering judgment in the Supreme Court this morning.

The case was that in which Tsang Shing, stone labourer sub-contractor of No. 14, Fook Say-lane, sued the Wing Hing Lung firm of contractors for \$861.30. Defendants counter-claimed for \$1,000. During the hearing, it was alleged that defendants had to hire Police guards to protect other workmen from plaintiff's men.

Mr. A. el Arculli was for plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo for defendants. Judgment in the sum of \$800 and costs, and on the counter-claim also with costs was given for Mr. Arculli's client. His Lordship read the judgment as follows:—

The Facts

This is an action in which the plaintiff, who is a labour contractor, seeks to recover from the defendant, who is a building contractor, the sum of \$861.18, being the balance due on a verbal agreement to supply masons for the erection of six dwelling houses on Inland Lot No. 694 situate in Western-street, Victoria.

The defendant claims damages for breach of the agreement which they have limited to \$1,000 in order to bring their counter-claim within the jurisdiction of this Court.

The facts are as follows:—The defendant entered into a contract with the building owners on March 2, 1927 to contract six houses on Inland Lot No. 693 in accordance with a plan and specification, the date for the completion of the houses being Nov. 30, 1927. Some four or five months later the defendants entered into an agreement with the plaintiff, under which the plaintiff agreed to supply labour for all the masonry work on the six houses for the sum of \$3,400.

Date in Dispute

The date of this agreement is disputed, but the defendant's manager admitted that the plaintiff's men could not commence work until Oct. 7, as the defendants had not laid the concrete before then. At this date, seven months of the defendants' contract time for building the houses, had elapsed and less than two months remained. During the ensuing five months, that is, until March 7, the work apparently proceeded smoothly. The plaintiff said he had no complaint as regards payments and the defendants said they were satisfied with the progress of the work up to that date.

What happened on or about that date? The plaintiff's men ceased work and although he appears to have had men there until late in April, he himself said that he visited the site every day from March 7 to April 23 and saw no work going on. The evidence of the defendants' witnesses confirm this. The defendants eventually got another contractor to finish the work and now counter-claim for the expense incurred thereby, damages for breach of contract and the cost of protecting the men employed to finish the work.

Refused to Pay

What was the real cause of the dispute which arose between the parties on March 7? Neither side contends that it was a question of whether the work was finished or not. It resolves itself into this, I think. The work was practically finished—Mr. W. Hall confirms this, and the defendants' bill for completing the work left undone by plaintiff did not amount to more than \$330, and this is probably more than it would have cost had the plaintiff continued. The plaintiff said that he was satisfied with what he was paid up to that date, but I find that his own accounts show that he received more during the five weeks which followed than the five weeks which preceded that date, and yet he was not satisfied. He apparently did no more work until his men were driven off the site on April 23. No evidence has been given as to what payment the plaintiff asked for on March 7, but it seems clear that the defendants refused to pay him more than 70 per cent. so he ceased work.

Who Was Wrong?

Who was in the wrong—the plaintiff or the defendants? Turning to the agreement which they made, I

LARGE BANDIT FORCE AT WUSHAN

SHIPPING ATTACKED

YANG SEN SENDING TROOPS TO RESTORE ORDER

UPPER YANGTZE CHAOS

Shipping both under foreign and native flags, on the Upper Yangtze River must be sorely handicapped at the moment as considerable forces of bandits have appeared in the vicinity of Wushan and have attacked with rifle fire passing vessels, states a British Naval wireless message.

Wushan is in the extreme east of Szechuan province, between Ichang and Wanhien, in a sort of no man's land left to freebooters because rivals are on either side.

British ships are among those fired at but, the report continues, General Yang Sen (one of the belligerents) has despatched some troops to deal with the outlaws.

And that it is verbal, unless the memoranda made in the books of the respective parties can be regarded as a written contract, but these memoranda contain nothing beyond a statement of the price agreed on which is not disputed. The defendants have endeavoured to incorporate the terms of their contract with the building owner, and the specification, in their agreement with the plaintiff, on the ground that these were shown to him before he delivered his tender. He stoutly denied this and said that he only saw the plan from which alone he made his calculations. Much of what is contained in the defendants' contract with the building owners and the specification would not concern the plaintiff at all, other parts might or might not apply to him, and even those portions which might apply, ought not, I think, to be applied unless specifically mentioned. On the whole I am of opinion that, in the absence of express agreement, no part of the defendants' building contract and specification applies to their agreement with the plaintiff to supply masons for the work which is a contract of a different nature.

Should Have Finished

We are accordingly left with no express provisions with regard to (a) time within which the work was to be completed; (b) how and when the plaintiff was to be paid, and (c) the method in which any dispute between the parties was to be settled or who was to decide when the work had been satisfactorily completed so far as the plaintiff was concerned.

With regard to the time limit the plaintiff has denied that he ever agreed to any. He refused to be bound by any but he could not be allowed to take such time as he pleased. It is obvious he could not complete by Nov. 30, and there is no evidence that any other date was communicated to him.

We can only fall back on what was a reasonable time. The defendants have admitted that the plaintiff could not commence work until Oct. 7. Mr. Hall, an architect of some years' experience, has stated that six months would be ample time. I agree that this is reasonable and am of opinion that in the absence of agreement the plaintiff should have finished his work on or before April 7.

Sub-Contractor's Position

With regard to the second point as to how payment was to be made, this usually varies according to the terms of the contract, but the contract here made no provision for payment. It has been laid down that where the contract does not make completion a condition precedent to payment there may be an implied stipulation on the part of the employer to pay from time to time a reasonable sum to the contractor during the progress of the work.

A contract for the supply of labour seems pre-eminently one in which reasonable payments should be made from time to time. It is very different from a building contract. A labour contractor has to pay his men daily or almost daily if he is to keep them satisfied and at work. They expect to be paid in full for work done irrespective of the progress of the work. The plaintiff was paying away cash in wages all the time. He got no long credits on building material and the like, such as a building contractor could get.

Precedent Notwithstanding

It would appear that on March 7, the work was so near completion that the plaintiff considered

WILLS OF THREE MILLIONAIRES

DEATH DUTIES

LARGE SUMS TO GO TO THE TREASURY

HAMBLEDEN'S ESTATE

London, Yesterday.

Probate was granted to-day of the wills of three millionaires. Major Hugh Gretton, Director of Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton, Ltd., brewers, who died last July, left an unsettled estate valued for probate at £1,474,000 with net personality of £1,402,000. His fortune which, in the main, is left to his brother, Colonel Gretton, M.P., is disposed of in a will of 90 words. The duty on the estate will exceed £500,000.

The estate of the late James Oxley, banker of Leeds, was provisionally proved at £2,774,000. The duties on the property of this valuation and, according to dispositions of the will, are estimated to amount to £1,126,000.

A further grant of probate of the will of the late Viscount Hambleden respecting settled land, provisionally valued at £200,000, has been issued. His unsettled estate had already been provisionally sworn at £250,000.—British Wireless Service.

"FLAMING YOUTH"

"RED" YOUNGSTERS OF ENGLAND & CHINA

CALL TO RALLY

Riga, Yesterday.

The English and Chinese delegates at the Congress of the Internationale of Communist Youth, in Moscow, held a separate conference to evolve plans of common action with regards to China.

The conference issued a manifesto calling on the youth of England and China to rally round the Communist Internationale in order to achieve a Bolshevik revolution in China.

THE HURRICANE

OVER 2,300 KILLED IN FLORIDA REGION

West Palm Beach, Florida, Yesterday.

Red Cross estimates of the death toll in the Florida hurricane place the number at over 2,300.—Reuter's American Service.

H.M. The King's Sympathy

London, Yesterday.

H.M. the King has sent the following telegram to the President of the United States of America: "I desire to express to you and through your kind intermediary, to the American people, my sincere condolences upon the disaster which has recently overwhelmed Porto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the State of Florida as the result of the hurricane and my sympathy with all those that have suffered from its effects.—British Wireless Service."

CHINA'S TREATIES

RATIFICATION WITH GERMANY LIKELY

ITALY & NANKING INCIDENT

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The reports regarding the probable rejection of the new China-Germany Treaty by the Nationalist Government Council are officially denied. The ratification by China is considered certain.—Reuter.

Nanking Incident

The Nanking Incident as between Italy and China has been settled and the documents are now en route to Shanghai. A formal exchange of Notes will take place here when the Italian Consul-General arrives.—Reuter.

CAPT. DEWAR

APPOINTED TO COMMAND H.M.S. "TIGER"

London, Yesterday.

Captain Dewar, of "Royal Oak" fame, has been appointed to the command of the battle-cruiser "Tiger."—Reuter.

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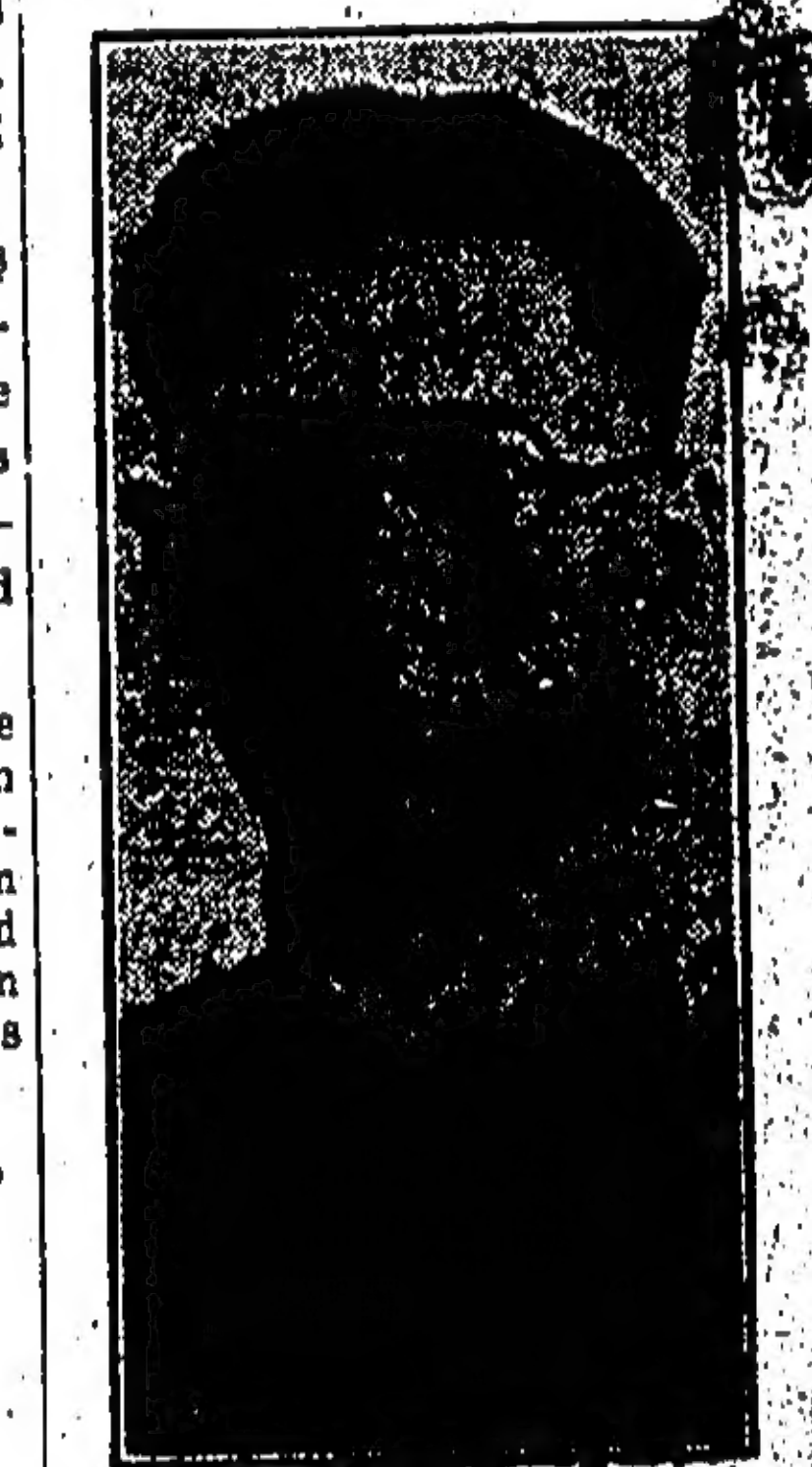
HOW CHINA WILL MEET HER SALT LOANS

ALL PROVINCES MUST PAY

Shanghai, To-day.

It is understood that a scheme has been worked out for obtaining funds from the Salt revenue to meet the service of loans secured on such revenue.

It is stated that all provinces have agreed to the scheme which has also been approved by the Budget Committee and the Diet.



Mr. T. V. Soong, Nationalist Minister of Finance.

matic Committee of the Nationalist Government at Nanking.

Under this scheme, orders will be sent to all stations under the Salt Gabelle for them to pay a certain percentage of their revenue monthly into banks designated by the Nationalist Minister of Finance.

The total of the annual sum to be thus secured will be \$10,000,000 which will meet all loan requirements, namely:—
The Anglo-German Loan of 1898.
The Anglo-French Loan of 1908.
The Hukuang Loan of 1911.
The Chinese Government Birch Crip Loan of 1912.

It should be noted that the Reorganisation Loan is not included in the scheme as it is covered by Customs revenue.—Reuter.

RAIN

N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, occasional rain, is the official forecast until noon to-morrow.

The depression has passed into the Pacific and the anticyclones have merged into a belt of high pressure extending from north China across Japan with a maximum over the Yellow Sea. The trough of relatively low pressure now extends from Indo-China across Luzon to the Ladrone.

Fresh Moonsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9.20 a.m. to-day:—

Manila 25th, 7 p.m.—Typhoon in about 131deg. Long. E. and 22deg. Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

BARCO DISPUTE

THE ARGENTINE SUPPORTS COLOMBO

AMERICA'S "FAILURE"

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

Argentine newspapers support Colombia's rejection of United States intervention over the Barco concession. They describe the United States attitude as "a failure to appreciate Colombia's sovereignty."—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Assembly has adopted the Third Committee's report and resolution regarding an early meeting of the Disarmament Commission.—Reuter.

A REVOLUTION IN MOTOR CARS

NEW INVENTION

AN AUTOMATIC GEAR CHANGE EVOLVED

BRITISH FIRM'S WORK

London, Yesterday.

After five years of secret experimental work, a British firm has evolved a method of automatic gear change for motor cars. The mechanism, which has been adopted, after 50,000 miles test by the Armstrong, Siddeley Motors, Ltd., manufacturers, for their high powered models, will be on exhibition at the Olympia motor show which opens on October 11.

There is no gear lever; the driver merely depresses the pedal and adjusts the indicator, mounted on the steering wheel, as required. A feature of the new invention is the silence with which the gear changes and may be effected.—British Wireless Service.

SHIPPING STRIKE

WATERSIDE WORKERS TO BE REGISTERED

SEAMEN'S ATTITUDE

Melbourne, Yesterday.

Negotiations for the settlement of the strike are still proceeding, but the position is most complicated.

Melbourne seamen had decided to support the waterside workers and refuse to work with the volunteers. On the other hand stevedores at Port Philip obeyed the transport conference instructions to present themselves for engagement, but none was engaged as the shipowners want a resumption of work in the other states before deciding on future plans. Meanwhile, the engagement of volunteers is proceeding apace, and 650 are working at Melbourne and 1,122 at Brisbane.

The owners declare that the volunteers are doing from fifty to a hundred per cent. more work than the regular dockers.

Stormy Meeting

A stormy meeting of dock labourers at Adelaide howled down a proposal to resume work. The waterside labourers at Brisbane decided to resume work but the seamen at Fremantle are supporting the dockers. The Government is determined to stand by the volunteers and is drafting regulations whereby all waterside workers must be registered, and if they fail to carry out the conditions their registration will be cancelled and they will be unable to secure employment on the waterfront.

Brishans, Yesterday.

There was a very important development in the waterside strike yesterday when seamen in the interstate trade decided to supply steam for volunteer workers.

Canberra, Yesterday.

The Federal Executive Council has approved of the regulations for the registration of waterside workers.

All must apply for a licence at a cost of one shilling. It will be valid till June 30, 1929, and thereafter may be renewed. The licence may be cancelled if the holder fails to comply with any lawful order. Employers are forbidden to engage non-holders of a licence.—Reuter.

MONEY IN POST.

ARTILLERY CAPTAIN CAUTIONED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Capt. Brown of the Royal Artillery, was summoned by the General Post Office for sending by letter a number of coins to Singapore.

In pleading guilty, defendant explained that the offences had been committed without knowledge. He had occasion to pay a small bill in Singapore, and had given another person some money and instructions to do so. It appears that the person had just simply placed the paper notes together with 2 copper cent pieces in the letter instead of obtaining a money order. It was only when the summons arrived at his house that Mr. Brown knew anything about the matter.

The prosecution said that as it was the first case of this nature in Kowloon they would not press the charge.

Mr. W. Schofield, the magistrate, remarked that under the circumstances, a caution would meet the case. But, his worship added, it would be as well the public noted that coinage was not allowed to be sent through the post.

FATAL ROADSIDE ACCIDENTS

TWO KILLED.

PORTUGUESE YOUTH'S MOTOR CYCLE & ABERDEEN BUS

A CHILD'S DEATH.

Two motor accidents, both of which ended fatally, occurred yesterday.

A Portuguese youth named Botelho living at No. 93, Wongmeh-chong-road was concerned in the first accident which occurred at about 2.30 p.m., yesterday. Botelho was riding motor cycle No. 278 in Queen's-road East when near the junction of Lee Tung Street he ran into an 8-year-old Chinese girl named Chen Lai-fong, living on the third floor of No. 65, Queen's-road East.

The child who was knocked down heavily, received severe injuries which resulted in her death at the Government Civil Hospital some hours after admission.

Bus Driver.

The other accident was reported to the police by Lau Fu, the Chinese driver of Aberdeen motor bus No. 304.

According to Lau, at about 7.40 p.m., yesterday, whilst the bus was proceeding along Pokfulam-road in the direction of Hong Kong, the driver had suddenly to swerve the vehicle in order to avoid a motor car. As a result of the sudden swerving, the bus went temporarily out of control and it ran into two Chinese employees of the Dairy Farm who were walking along the road in the opposite direction.

One of the pedestrians, Chan Tong (30) was so severely injured that he died in the ambulance whilst on the way to the hospital. The other man, Pau Kam (54) received head injuries and is at present in a serious condition in the Government Civil Hospital.

MISS TOBIN

H.M.S. "SEAMEW" JOINS QUEST

COUNTRYSIDE ROUSED

That H.M.S. "Seamew," one of the new British gunboats on the West River has proceeded up in connection with the capture by bandits of Miss Tobin of the Church Missionary Society, also that the whole countryside is roused, causing villagers to join in the hunt, and that two parties of troops are in pursuit of the captors, constitutes the latest news to hand concerning the incident. A special "China Mail" newsletter appears below.

Wuchow Sept. 23.

On Sept. 20, telegrams were received here from Chiuping relative to the kidnapping of the Misses Tobin and Watkins, of the Church Missionary Society, when en route to Kwellin.

Capture Described

From the most accurate sources available, it is learned that these missionaries were proceeding up the Fu River in a small boat returning to their station Kwellin. Sailing with them were three other boats, two filled with passengers and, one with cargo. Somewhere near Chiuping, three to four days' journey from Wuchow, bandits swooped down on the boats, making short work of the passengers and cargo.

The passengers were robbed of all their possessions and all the cargo was removed.

None of the Chinese passengers was kidnapped, which is significant. Only the two British ladies were taken by the banditti, who started to the hills with them.

Later, Miss Watkins was released and she returned to Chiuping whence she telegraphed her news.

Steps Taken

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kwangsi, Mr. Kung Chieh-yuan, was promptly notified of the outrage and immediately took steps to secure the release of Miss Tobin.

The magistrate at Chiuping was ordered to despatch soldiers to the scene of the attack and to chase the bandits and endeavour to capture them.

A force was also sent from Wuchow with similar instructions.

A later telegram from Chiuping stated that the whole countryside had been roused and that the villagers were joining the soldiers in the hunt.

No further word concerning the whereabouts of Miss Tobin has come through yet. Miss Watkins is in Chiuping.

WARP AND WOOF OF EAST AND WEST

SIMON COMMISSION

SIR JOHN'S SPEECH AT FAREWELL DINNER.

MORE CO-OPERATION

London Yesterday.

Sir John Simon, in a speech at a luncheon in the Aldwych Club, referred to the work of his commission which is leaving for India on Thursday on a second visit. He emphasised the immense responsibilities of the British Parliament to the peoples of India and said that in spite of the initial boycott eight out of nine provinces had decided to co-operate with the Commission, the ninth not having yet finally decided.

A Central Indian Committee had been chosen partly by the Council of State and partly nominated from the central legislature by the Viceroy and was expected to accompany the Commission through the provinces.

Sir John Simon mentioned that about 500 memoranda had been received by the Commission from all sorts of bodies in India and elsewhere giving their views on the existing Indian constitution.

Sir John Simon stressed the point that the greatest unanimity existed within the Commission.—Reuter.

Britain's Responsibility

A British official wireless report states:—

The Statutory Commission on Indian reform is due to leave London on Thursday for a tour of India. The tour, during which evidence will be taken by the Commission at various centres, will last seven months, and Sir John Simon, head of the Commission, was to-day entertained at a farewell luncheon in London under the chairmanship of the Marquis of Reading, late Viceroy.

Sir John Simon said the British Parliament had immense responsibility to the peoples of India and it seemed to the Commission that they could best act as interpreters to the British Parliament of Indian needs and aspirations if these were associated with them in their enquiry in every province. An Indian committee, elected by the Provincial Legislature, would act as their colleagues and assist in their investigations. It was a deep satisfaction to know that this plan had been generally approved. Eight out of nine provinces had resolved to adopt it and the ninth had not yet finally decided. In more than one case the Provincial Council, which at first had resolved not to co-operate had reversed its first decision and had appointed its committee. Sir John Simon added: "Our duty is not to enact or decide but to bring home to the British people the realities of the Indian problem and to act as interpreters to the British Parliament of the wishes and aspirations of the peoples of India. This Indian question, in the years now coming, is likely to become the greatest of all cases in which you have to reconcile authority with freedom. Let us never forget that while Britain has conferred on India blessings of order and settled government, a sense of unity and an experience of disinterested administration it has also roused in the leaders of the Indian desire for constitutional development and a belief in the virtues of self-government, which are the inevitable consequences of western education and of Parliamentary experience. No Briton should complain if Indians should be eager to apply the lesson which our Imperial history has taught. British people have to lend their aid as sympathisers and as friends in what is perhaps the greatest external question laid upon the statesmanship of to-day—the tremendous weaving together of the warp and woof of the East and West."

come through yet. Miss Watkins is in Chiuping.

H.M.S. "Seamew," under Lt. Comdr. A. L. Poland, D.S.C., arrived in port on Sept. 22, and is actively engaged in securing Miss Tobin's release.—An occasional correspondent.

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LOVE OF COMPROMISE

On the face of things, China's war is over but the time for shouting at the advent of peace is not yet. Hostilities have ceased in North China; the danger, however, remains. "All the world loves a lover," a saying goes but, we think, China, with her quarter of the world's people, loves a compromise. In spite of signs of encouragement, in spite of very sensible action by members of the Government at Nanking, we say bluntly that we are disappointed at this, not entirely unexpected, turn in the war to end war in China. To make our view clear, we will analyse the position. The Nationalist Army, led by General Pei Chung-hsi, is marching home. The Manchurians, having definitely fought for the Nationalists, are now good friends. The Northerners, under General Chang Tsung-chang, however, are to be allowed to remain in a small area which will serve as a buffer state between China Proper and Manchuria.

If strife is over, why should the Northerners be permitted to retain their arms? If there is that security which warrants the Nationalist Expedition turning right about face, why is a buffer state needed? In spite of the haunting of the "New China," the change in the country has only been superficial. The old conception remains of not being interested in displaying course—where alternatives will serve to achieve the same means. Continual fighting and civil war since 1912 have been due partly to the fact that the Chinese have not made up their minds to become what Mr. R. O. Hall calls "one-way men." The Chinese have

been too ready to make peace where peace is impossible; they prefer harmony to ruthlessness; they will not as a rule fight to a finish. And fighting, therefore, keeps breaking out.

In the confines of this article, it is not wise to attempt a discourse on the psychology, mind-temper, conception—call it what you will—of the Chinese race. But it is our duty to utter a warning to the Nationalist Government at the foolishness of trying to co-operate, even in the hope of avoiding further bloodshed, with the Northern Generals whose ideas are so remotely removed from those of Nanking. As we have stated, this love of peace (in not fighting to a finish) causes fighting to keep breaking out. Take, as an example, General Liu Tsun-wan (spelt Liu Tsun-wan in the North). He held Swatow for the old Kwangsi "feudal" faction. He was ousted by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Nationalists. Then he fought for the Cantonese Nationalists who opposed Dr. Sun's followers. After being defeated, he led a small following up North and joined the Northerners. When the Nationalists entered Shantung, he surrendered to them. After the Tsinan Incident, he surreptitiously hoisted the Northern flag again. When the Northerners launched their forlorn hope at Chefoo, he was still pro-North. When it suited his purpose, he turned Nationalist and expelled the Northerners from Chefoo. Now he is Nationalist once more—because he has got what he wanted, which is, some territory to batten upon just as in the old days. And he is the kind of "enemy" that the Nationalists are shaking hands with prior to celebrating their incomplete victory.

The Shipping Strike.

The very serious shipping strike in Australia that has been playing havoc—or threatening to play havoc—with the country's shipping during the past few weeks, is a peculiarly flagrant indication of the tyranny that trade unionists are apt to wield when they are so inclined. That workmen should organise unions for legitimate protective purposes is no fair-minded person will deny; but it is a very different matter when such unions are used for objects entirely different—for objects that are much more tyrannous than those that caused unions to be instituted. This Australian strike is made much worse in the minds of the impartial by the fact that the unions refused to abide by the decision of the Arbitration Court. They thus constituted themselves the judges of the dispute, and made it clearer than before that they were heaving more of might than of

right. Evidently they had no scruples in holding up the 800,000 tons of shipping that were in the various Australian ports, and in doing so they must have been well aware that not only were they doing much harm in many respects but they were actually jeopardising the food supply of the whole country. Evidently they thought, they held the "whip hand" and that their policy, vile as it was, could not fail. They miscalculated grievously in two essentials, namely, in the condemnation of public opinion, which soon brought volunteer workers to the support of the employers; they also failed to realise that the masters refused to be tyrannised. The lesson of this deplorable strike obviously is that even highly organised unions must not put might over right. It is an offence against sound morality, and must not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The Tramway Co. announce that the Special Quarry Bay-Western Market cars will be withdrawn for the season as from Sept. 30.

Mr. Victor Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Farmer, arrived by the "President Lincoln" yesterday from Shanghai for a short holiday. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

The Assistant Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donation to Brigade Funds:—Mercantile Bank of India, \$100.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, according to reports to the Medical Officer of Health, comprised two cases of Enteric fever (typhoid), both Chinese, from the city and Kowloon.

An Alsatian dog belonging to Mr. F. J. de Rome, of No. 4, Causeway Hill, was yesterday removed to Kennedy Town for observation after it had bitten Fong Tai-oi, a Post Office messenger. Fong received treatment at the Government Civil Hospital.

A fine of \$2,500 or six months' hard labour was this morning passed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a Chinese charged with the unlawful possession, on the Wai On wharf, of 55 tins of prepared non-Government opium which accused admitted he had brought from Wuchow.

Inspector Fowler, of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, charged the holder of a poultry stall at the Soekumpoo Market before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., this morning with failing to supply drinking water in three crates of ducks at the stall. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

Among the passengers on the M.M. "Sphinx," which arrived here from Marseilles yesterday was Mr. John W. N. Smith, formerly on the University teaching staff. His name was mentioned recently in connection with large British contracts for rehabilitation work in conjunction with the Nationalist Government.

A Chinese woman named Ng Wong-chi, living at No. 54, Bonham-strand West, was this morning fined \$50, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, for having failed to comply with an order of the Second Police Magistrate made on September 12 to abate a nuisance by cleaning out a water closet at No. 25, Wongsichong-road.

Mr. Koo Ying-fan, formerly Nationalist Minister of Finance and one of the leading members of the Canton Government, has returned to China after a tour abroad, arriving here yesterday on the M.M. "Sphinx." He was met by a number of Canton officials. Mr. Koo announced his intention of going straight on to Nanking, the Nationalist capital.

On being stopped and searched by two detectives in Portland-street, a Chinese was found to be in possession of an electric torch. He had also a handkerchief tied round his leg. At first he offered \$370 to the detectives and then, later, handed over a \$10 note. At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday the man was charged with offering a bribe and was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 or, in default, to serve six weeks' hard labour.

TROOPS AS BUILDERS

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Seven hundred Nationalist soldiers will be employed to rebuild the road from Wenchowpaang (just beyond Yangtszepoo) outside Shanghai to the Wooning Port. The work will be started immediately. The survey has been completed from Nanking. Rebuilt.

NUDE BATHING
SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION AT CANNES.

THE SHY GUEST

Cannes, Aug. 25.

Nude bathing parties which are being held here by a resident who has bought a villa equipped with a large bathing pool have proved immensely popular with many visitors.

Bathers of both sexes, some of them well known in the social world of London, have taken part in this startling departure from convention which, it is maintained, is more beneficial from a health point of view than bathing with even the lightest and slightest of costumes or slips.

A Plea for His "Pants."

The parties are held during the day and at night, and a guest described them in terms of warm approval.

"The pool is very beautifully constructed," he said, "but I was rather surprised to find that I was expected to bathe naked."

"I clung to my pants for a long time, but eventually succumbed to the prevalent opinion—which was in favour of 'starkness.'"

"After the first shock had worn off I found the experience of bathing unhampered by any garments quite enjoyable, and nobody took any embarrassing notice of anybody else."

CONTRACTORS' CASE

(Continued from Page 1.)

that he was entitled to considerably more than 70 per cent. of the contract price. He could not get it and refused to go on. Very little was involved, not more than \$330, and I consider that the defendants should have met any reasonable demand of the plaintiff in a liberal manner instead of insisting on paying no more than 70 per cent. and by holding out in the way they did. I consider the defendants are responsible for all that followed.

No evidence of custom or rules of any guilds has been put before me. It has been held that knowledge of the terms of the principal contract is not sufficient to prove that a sub-contractor agreed with the principal contract to be bound by the terms of the principal contract. Thus, if the sub-contractor properly completes his part of the work his right to payment will not depend on the certificate of the architect, notwithstanding that it is a condition precedent to payment to the principal contractor. It has also been held that a clause in the principal contract referring to disputes between the employer and the contractor to arbitration will not be incorporated impliedly so as to refer disputes between the contractor and the sub-contractor to arbitration.

Haggling Over Trifles

It is unfortunate that the parties could not settle their dispute forthwith. It was a small matter and both parties were men with 20 years' experience. The defendants had a heavy penalty clause in their contract with the building owners, which was running against them while they unsuccessfully haggled over a trivial matter with the plaintiff for five or six weeks.

In my opinion the remedy lay with the defendants. It would have been better for them to have paid the plaintiff every cent he claimed rather than allow the penalty clause in their contract with the building owner to come into operation. On the evidence I find that the defendants committed a breach of their agreement with the plaintiff by refusing to pay him a reasonable amount for the work done. There may, of course, have been difficulties such as local custom, rules of guilds and the like, but no evidence with regard to these have been placed before me and in the absence of such evidence my view is that it was a small matter which should have been settled amicably in a few days.

Writing Preferable

In conclusion I would add that in contracts of this kind it is most important that there should be some memorandum in writing stating the terms agreed on as clearly as possible, the more so in view of the fact that labour contractors are not usually men of substance and liberal education. In cases of this kind it is not desirable to endeavour to incorporate the principal contract in a general way as so much of it does not concern a sub-contractor for labour. The particular clauses which it is intended to apply should be either specifically referred to or better still actually incorporated in the sub-contract.

I do not believe the plaintiff was as near the completion of his contract as he claimed to be, and do not feel that I can give judgment for the full amount the plaintiff claims to recover.

I give judgment for the plaintiff on both the claim for \$300 and counter-claim with costs.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, is such a one to roam. She's "put out" if she stays indoors. But elsewhere she's "at home."

Bertie: "Queer fellows, these poets! There's one, for instance, who speaks of 'an aching void.' Now, how can a void ache?"

Gertie: "Have you never had a headache?"

She: "I showed father the verses you sent me!"

He: "He was pleased with them!"

He: "Indeed! What did he say?"

She: "He said he was delighted to find that I wasn't going to marry a poet!"

A certain Bishop was considerably upset when he received this note from the vicar of a village in his diocese:—

"My Lord,—I regret to inform you of the death of my wife. Can you possibly send me a substitute for the week-end?"

A stout woman, with a large brown paper parcel under her arm, emerged from a chiropodist's establishment and said to a friend awaiting her: "Calls himself a chiropodist, and can't stuff a dog!"

Customer: "I say, waiter, I ordered iced shortcake. Where is the ice?"

Waiter: "Oh, that's the new kind, sir; that's what it's short of."

The subject was things that happened during the late war and the high price that flour went to was mentioned. One man said that before he would pay that price for flour, he would eat dry bread, and before he would let his children starve, he would work for nowt.

Brandon was almost broken-hearted about his heavy losses on the Stock Exchange, but he found there was plenty of sympathy for him at the club. One member was particularly kind.

"Cheer up, old chap," he cried. "You mustn't worry too much about a little bad luck. Come along to my office in the morning and I'll give you a few pointers."

Brandon, however, was not easily cheered.

"Very kind of you," he began. "But it isn't pointers I am after—it's retrievers."

Roper's attempt to journey to the seaside in his second-hand motor-car had ended in a fiasco. Six times had it broken down en route, and finally he had left it at a garage and finished his journey by train. He decided to try to sell it.

"Sixteen words for four shillings, sir," said the clerk at the local newspaper office. "That is the charge in the 'Motors For Sale' column."

"I don't want it in that column," groaned Roper. "Shove it in the 'agony' column. That's its proper place."

The wealthy baronet has not always been wealthy, neither had he always been a baronet, and, for that reason, he was prone to keep rather a sharp eye on his money. He had noticed for some time that when the bottles of wine were brought in they were not quite so full as they ought to have been, and accordingly, he requested his butler to do all the opening in his presence.

"I notice," he said sternly, "that when you draw the corks in the pantry the wine is extremely decolletee."

The butler looked surprised and asked:

"Extremely decolletee, sir?"

"Yes," replied the baronet more sternly still—"rather low in the neck."

Young Jones was a motor maniac through and through, and this is the sort of stuff he got off his chest when he proposed to pretty Ethyl Coates.

"Ethyl, darling, will you marry me? Do not, I beg of you, start so suddenly; I ought not to have accelerated so quickly, but the very sight of you causes my heart to miss. You are such a delightful little model, and your headlights dazzle me so that I'm incapable of braking."

"Do not, darling, think me a crank, and do not forget, dear, that you will either make or break me by your answer. You tax me even now by your mute silence, or may be it is that you are absorbing the shock my abrupt clutching has given you."

"I do hope, darling, that I have generated some little reciprocity, feeling within your bonnet box, confess that if you refuse to drive along life's highway with me, I shall run for too strong a motor, and shall soon be quickly to the final scrap heap."

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

CARGO & PASSENGERS.

Kaiping, (1,605) British; from Canton—Doddwell & Co.

Iregonell, (3,178) British, from Newport, Calcutta;—Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co.—4,500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,500 tons (through).

Hupei, (1,205) British, from Canton—B. and S.—300 tons general cargo (through).

St. Albans (2,538) British, from Yokohama, Moji—Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co.—1,542 tons general cargo (through).

Kwong Sang, (1,428) British, from Shanghai, Swatow—J. M.—280 tons general cargo (through).

City of Lincoln, (3,784) British, from New York, Manila—Bank Line—500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,400 tons (through).

Hai Ching, (1,267) British, from Foochow, Swatow—Douglas S.S. Co.—410 passengers, 600 tons general cargo (through).

Sphinx, (6,724) French, from Marseilles, Saigon—M. M.—248 passengers, 120 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,847 tons.

Taiposok, (1,219) French, from Fort Bayard—Shun Cheong and Co.—258 passengers, 654 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Van Heutz, (2,249) Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow—J.C.J.L.—1,130 passengers, 285 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Haldon, (840) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Thoresen and Co.—12 passengers, 2,160 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Honolulu Maru, (3,540) Japanese, from Bombay, Singapore—O. S. K.—2 passengers, 117 tons general cargo and 188 packages firecrackers for Hong Kong, 7,600 tons (through).

Tak Hing, (105) Chinese, from Autau—Fook Hoi Co.—117 passengers, 2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Shiu Hing, (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing Co.—30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Eng Lee, (865) Chinese, from Dairen, Chefoo—600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hwak-Wu, (2,769) Chinese, from Lung Kow, Dairen—M. B. K.—998 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Lee Cheung, (163) Chinese, from Shanmei—Fook Hoi Co.—97 passengers, 5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures

For Shanghai—Sphinx, Pres. Grant.

For Saigon—Athos II.

For Canton—Chenan.

For Amoy—Sinkiang.

For Swatow—Hai Hong.

For Manila—Pres. Lincoln.

For Table Island—Daiboshi Maru.

For Macao—Shiu Hing, Devawongse.

For Takao—City of Lincoln.

For Keelung—Mayebashi Maru.

For Hongay—Daishu Maru.

For Singapore—Tacoma Maru.

For Wei-hai-wei—Huichow.

Clearances.

For Amoy—Tjikini.

For Kohet—Honolulu Maru.

For Kahoit—Raymond Poincare.

Arrivals	Departures	In port
British	7	21
Japanese	1	5
Norwegian	1	6
Chinese	5	18
Dutch	1	5
Russian	2	2
American	0	2
Danish	0	1
Portuguese	0	2
French	0	3
	17	61

Kidnapper's Victim



Ten-year-old Grace Bond, who has been missing from her New York home since the early summer, has been found in a Chinese city, it is believed. Police now believe that a question of days before the kidnapping will be in their hands. The girl is believed to be alive and well.

POISON GAS

CHLORINE CYLINDER ON A SCRAP HEAP

FIND IN LONDON

A gas cylinder which had been found in mysterious circumstances at Edmonton, and which was said to contain sufficient poisonous gas to kill a thousand people, was removed to Messrs. Brunner Mond's works at Silvertown. Home Office experts, who conducted an investigation, found that it contained chlorine gas similar to that used in the war.

The cylinder was found on a scrap heap, which had not been touched for several years, at the type metal works of the Vida Metal Company, of Brettenham-road, Edmonton, and had been guarded day and night by the police. The discovery was kept secret.

The authorities are at a loss to understand how it came to be on the scrap heap, but the police theory is that it is a relic of war days, when poison gas was made on a large scale in the Edmonton district.

The cylinder measures 3ft. 8in. in length by 8in. in diameter. It was coated with rust, and was enclosed in a wooden box.

A man who was present when it was opened told a representative of "The Telegraph" that he could not escape getting a slight whiff of the gas when the cylinder cap was removed.

"As a result," he said, "I was coughing for several hours, and it was not until I inhaled some ammonia that I got any relief. I had seen the packing-case on the scrap heap before, but had no reason to suspect that it contained anything dangerous."

During the removal the cylinder was guarded and handled carefully, as there is a real danger in carrying cylinders of this description.

Chlorine gas is now used in dyeing processes.

THE IRAK ARMY

PROBLEM OF SECURING RECRUITS

[By John Lewis.]

No issue has caused more ill-feeling in Iraq than that of compulsory military service, and the fact that General Nuri Pasha, the Minister of Defence, has declared himself strongly in favour of it may well precipitate another Government crisis. For, while most of the Iraqi statesmen are agreed that the army must be expanded unless they are always to remain dependent on Britain for protection against invasion, they have, so far, failed to agree on the question of how to secure the expansion.

Nuri Pasha apparently seeks to create a new reserve force. The voluntary system, he claims, has failed, and a bill, the object of which is to get recruits by compulsion, is accordingly being considered by the Cabinet. The Ministers are faced with many difficulties, two of which, at any rate, may prove insurmountable. They have, first, to frame a bill acceptable to the country, and, second, to find the money to support an expanded army.

The Iraqi, where his own welfare is concerned, is, quite properly, an exacting person. Unfortunately, however, the term Iraqi connotes not only Arabs of many tribes and of two branches of Islam, but also Persians, Armenians, Jews, Latin Christians, and Kurds. And, further, while the Mohammedan races are by no means unwelcome, an indisposition for army service is undoubtedly a strong characteristic of a number of the others, although not all.

A Disunited Nation

Moreover, Iraq is not yet firmly welded as a nation, and, indeed, it would be a miracle if it were. The result is that the various nationalities, tribes, and classes cannot be expected to pull together. Many of the sheikhs and their people, for instance, have that disdain for the traders and the city dwellers which a hundred years ago a British country squire had for the village shopkeeper. Still, if conscription is introduced the sheikh who has command of a tribe will be affected in exactly the same way, presumably, as the man who sells cakes of soap in the bazaar. And to ask them to serve together is to ask the impossible.

The Iraqi statesmen, who are nothing if not shrewd, may possibly find a way out by getting the tribes to send quotas which will be bandied together as tribal levies. But it will be no easy undertaking. Furthermore there is the danger of many of those who are now Iraqis crossing the frontier into Persia and becoming Persian subjects.

Presumably, however, that conscription is enforced, the problem arises of how to feed and clothe the new recruits. It is about as much as Iraq can do to maintain her present army, and, indeed, lack of funds has hindered her development in many directions. Finance, then, is a serious factor, and it is only a matter of time before other departments of the same new tax that the

ROMAN TOWN SITE

FORTRESS AT BICESTER

4TH CENTURY LIFE

Oxford.—Several Oxford undergraduates of both sexes are devoting a part of the vacation to helping to supervise excavations, which are now being made on the site of a Roman town near Bicester. Some interesting finds have been made during the past week.

Only small portions of the town, which is about twenty-five acres in extent, have yet been uncovered, but the digging brought to light a Roman house with the lower courses of its walls intact. The hearth, and what may prove to be an underground chamber, have been found. Fragments of a table and of cooking vessels, found on its floor, indicate that its date is about 100 A.D. A quantity of pottery and Roman coins has already been unearthed, and other objects, which include bronze brooches, a bone knife-handle, a comb, and bone and bronze needles and pins, as well as part of a stone handmill for grinding corn.

Miss M. V. Taylor, of Oxford, an authority on Roman Britain, said in an interview recently, that she hoped the excavations would throw fresh light on the question, how long the British population continued to occupy the Roman towns after the withdrawal of the Legions and the decline of the empire. "There was evidently a re-organisation of the town in the 4th century," she said. "The coins we have found include some as late as the early 5th century."

An Early Fortification

"There is also some reason for believing that before it was a town this may have been once a fort. It may be that in the first years of the occupation it was laid out as a military site. We are led to think so by the fact that we have come upon a double ditch, such as would not have been dug inside a town. These ditches may go back almost to the date of the invasion. We have not yet dug to the bottom of them."

Among the finds was a small piece of very rare pottery made in Italy, certainly not later than 50 A.D., and this Miss Taylor suggested could only have been the possession of a person of standing, possibly a Roman officer.

The base of a strongly built tower was also found at a corner of the rampart, but the upper part was found to have been destroyed for the sake of its stone.

There is a probability that the work will be suspended owing to lack of funds.

DECEPTION

AN OUT-OF-DATE TICKET

Ishwardas Jaipal Singh, described as a divinity student at St. John's College, Oxford, and living at Holy Trinity Vicarage, Darlington, was fined 20s. and ordered to pay 1 guinea costs at the Marylebone Police-court for travelling on the Great Western Railway from Oxford to Paddington on June 23 with a season ticket that expired on April 13, with intent to avoid paying the fare.

Mr. P. W. Pine, for the railway company, said the defendant used the ticket on this occasion seven days after writing to the company regretting that he had mislaid it. He gained access to the station at Oxford by taking a platform ticket, and when asked for his ticket in the restaurant car he produced the out-of-date ticket in such a way that the date could not be seen. He eventually admitted that he knew it was out of date, and subsequently stated "Detective Inspector Plumb:

I ought to have returned it (the ticket), but I didn't. I had used it about four times before the day your man caught me. On the 23rd I travelled on the ticket. I was due to preach the next day and have very little money, about 10s., and having the ticket on me I thought I would try to get through with it. I knew I did wrong, and I should like you to place before the company my regrets."

Apparently, added the solicitor, the defendant had used the ticket two, three, and sometimes four times a week since its expiry.

Defendant replied that he had been away for six weeks, but he admitted having used the tickets several times.

Mr. Bingley said it was specially bad for a man studying divinity to cheat the railway company in this way.

The death took place at Rothsay, in the Fifth of Clyde, of Mrs. Bowers, aged 80, mother of Lieut. Bowers, one of Capt. Scott's companions in the ill-fated South Pole expedition of 1910-12.

A situation created by a larger force can be met. Either means would be most unpopular. "Daily Telegraph."

PRINCE GEORGE

COMEDY ON A LINER AT DEPARTURE

TWICE HELD UP

Southampton.—Prince George, who spent a day in the New Forest recently with the Queen, and then returned to Cowes to spend his last night in England for many months with his parents, sailed from Southampton for Quebec in the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Australia," to take up his new appointment as French interpreter to the American and West Indies station of the Royal Navy, with headquarters on H.M.S. "Durban."

His Royal Highness proceeded to Southampton from Cowes on a pinasse from H.M.S. "Rodney," guardship to the Royal yacht, and it was expected that he would land at the steps under the bows of the "Empress of Australia." An official party awaited the pinasse's arrival, but when it came into view and was moored there was no sign of Prince George on board.

Much to the astonishment of the waiting officials, Prince George had landed at the Royal Pier, nearly a mile away, and had been met by his car, his object being to see something of the large liners in the docks. While inquiries were being made for him he arrived unheralded, and was unrecognized by the large crowd assembled on the quayside.

He was stopped at the quayside barrier by a burly constable, who informed him that he could not be allowed on to the quay. A little explanation followed, and the Prince, who was dressed in a brown suit and bowler hat, and who carried a small attache case, was allowed to proceed.

At the foot of the ship's gangway the Prince was met with the outstretched arm of a master-at-arms, who informed him that he could not go on the ship without a pass. After a whispered explanation by the Prince and a search through several pockets for his passage ticket, which was produced, the master-at-arms sprang to attention and saluted, and without more ado the Royal voyager proceeded aboard.

At the head of the gangway he was welcomed by Captain R. G. Latta, the commander of the ship, who escorted him to his cabin, where he remained until after the ship had moved away from the quayside. Before the vessel sailed the Prince received the Mayor of Southampton, Alderman Mrs. L. M. Foster Welch, and Captain James Gillies, general manager of the C.P.R.

THRILLING ROMANCE

"LOVES OF CARMEN" AT THE QUEEN'S

Magnificent settings representing the picturesque streets and the vast bull ring of old Seville will be seen in "Loves of Carmen," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from to-day till Saturday. This picture, directed by Raoul Walsh, who also directed "What Price Glory," is out of the ordinary in more ways than one, for it brings before the camera again two popular players who also leapt to fame in the epic of the war. They are Victor McLaglen and Dolores Del Rio who played Captain Flagg and Charmaine respectively. Victor McLaglen appears as a mighty matador and Dolores Del Rio as the fiery tempered cigarette girl. The picture departs from the popular conception of Carmen of the Opera. The tinselled personality of the stage gives place to a more realistic Carmen—Carmen as she really was, a passionate gypsy maid. However, the story itself follows closely that of the opera even to the great climax when the adventurous is shot by a jealous lover, though it has a welcome sprinkling of comedy in Victor McLaglen's typical manner. Many well known names appear in the supporting cast, including Ben. Bard, Don Alvarado, and Nancy Nash.

"DOUG" FAIRBANKS

"THE GAUCHO" AT THE WORLD THEATRE

Douglas Fairbanks is seen in a typically dashing role in "The Gaucho," which occupies the whole of the programme at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. He takes the role of an outlaw chief in South America, and as may be imagined, he does all manner of "mazing" feats while riding a wealthy city and eluding his would-be captors. But it is not only in this respect that the film is attractive. It is a remarkable production in many ways, for romance, dramatic incident, and mysticism all have a place in it. The acting is of a high order throughout. "Doug," being ably supported by Lupe Velez as the mountain girl and Ewe Southern in the part of the beautiful Lady of the Shrine.

Southend Corporation accepted a resolution recommending its previous decision to erect a £20,000 bandstand.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Loves of Carmen."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Flag Lieutenant."

To-day—World Theatre; Douglas Fairbanks in "The Gaucho."

Land Sale

October 1—At P.W.D. Offices, Crown land at Mong Kok Tani, 8 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.

September 27—At Sales Room, a valuable collection of Curios, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

October 1—At 4, Minden Avenue, Kowloon, household furniture, etc., 11 a.m.

October 1—At 2, Quarry Pt., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

September 28—Annual meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club in Club House, 5.30 p.m.

October 1—H.K.V.D.C. Sports Committee meeting at Headquarters, 6 p.m.

October 12—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

October 22—Annual meeting of the Ladies (Golf) Section at Helena May Institute, 1 a.m.

Sport.

October 6—American tournament, Ladies' Recreation Club Peak-road, at 2.30 p.m.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE.

IN Connection with the AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE which was arranged to be given at The Great Hall of the Hong Kong University on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, and which by the way the Hong Kong University Union is not directly or indirectly associated with, the Public is hereby notified that the production of this play has been CANCELLED. Refund on Tickets sold is obtainable from L. A. Galmarses, No. 8 Calne Road.

THE LOCAL STUDENTS' DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Hong Kong, 26th Sept., 1928.

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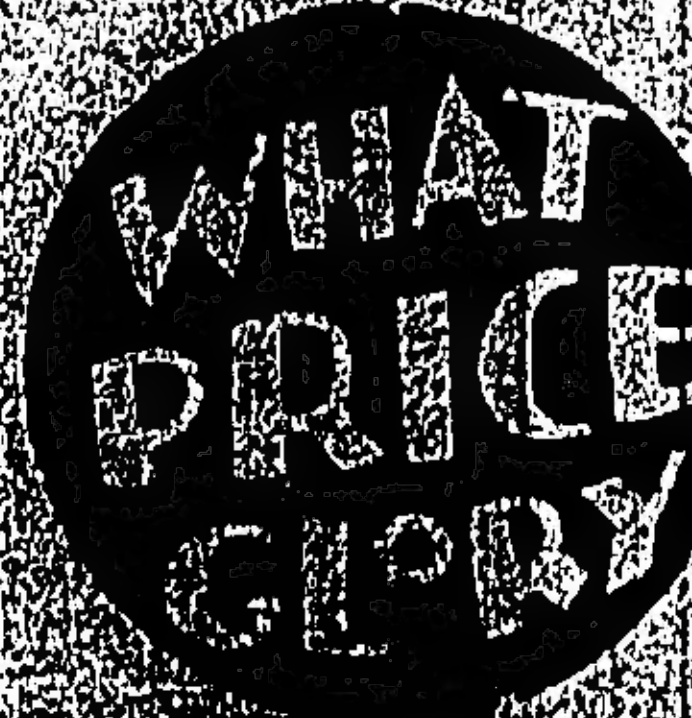
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WORLD THEATRE.



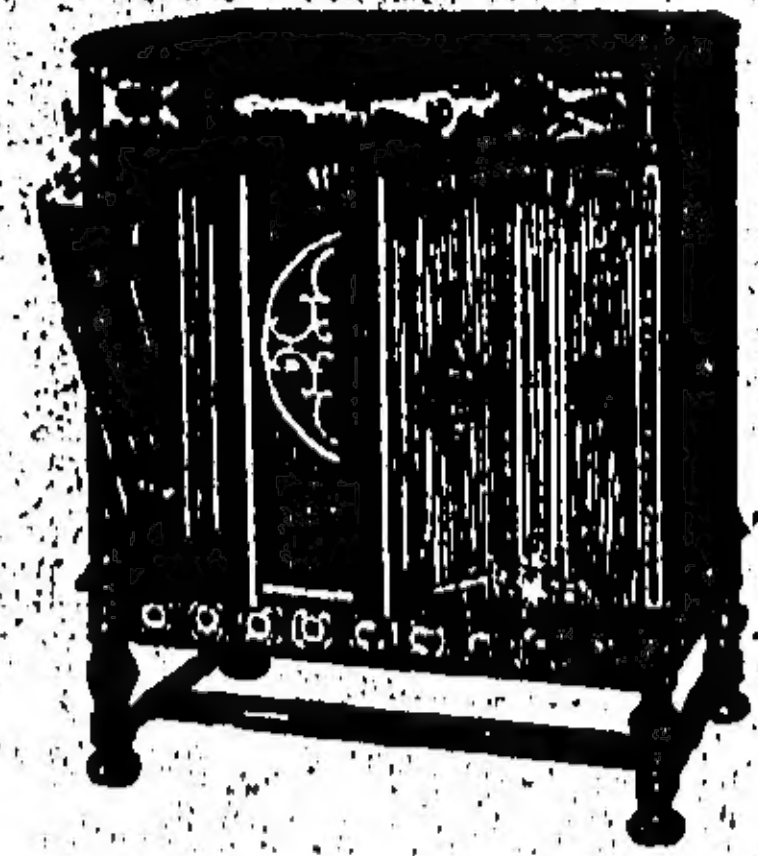
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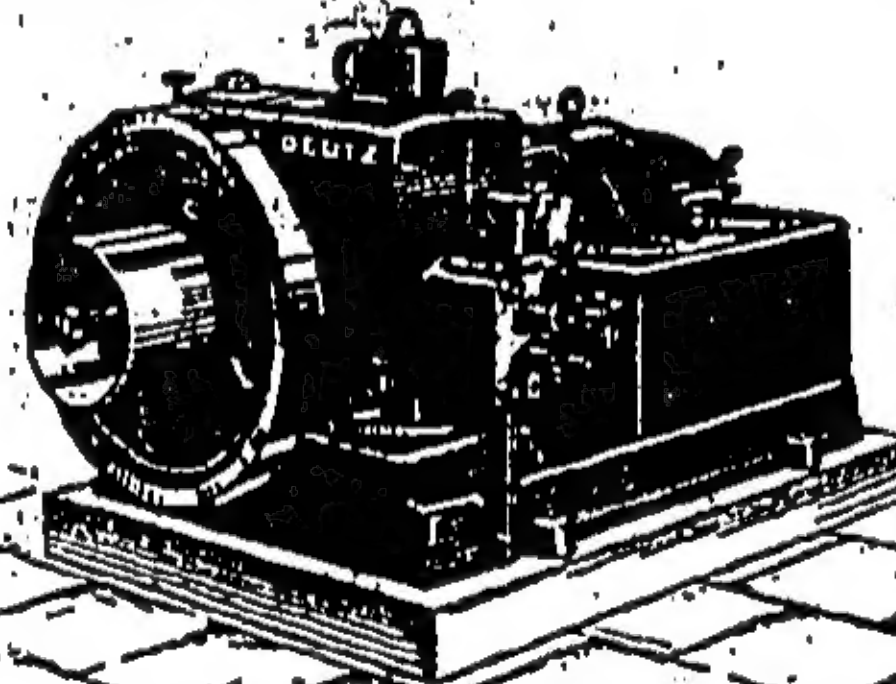
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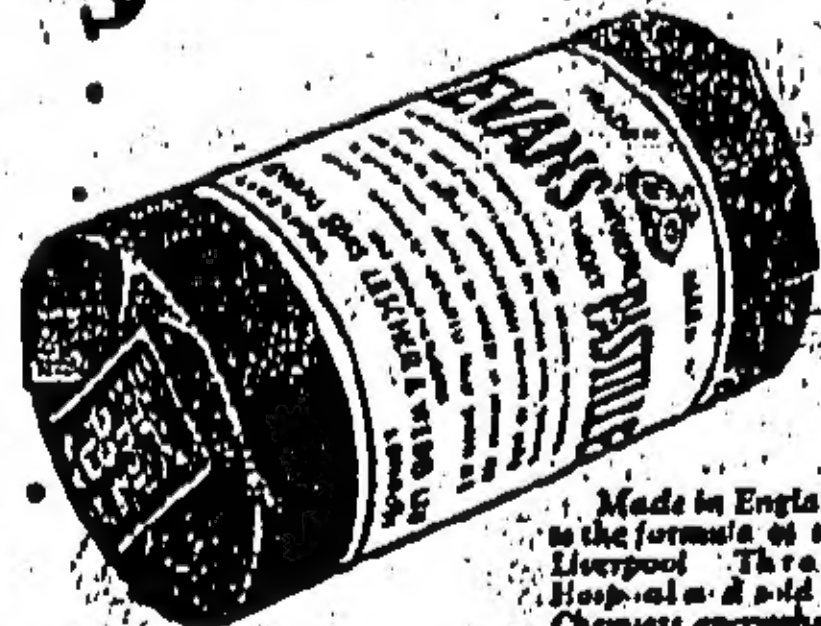
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LONDON TO-DAY

THE METROPOLIS IN THE
SEASON OF MISTS

EXPLORING THE CITY

The convention of regarding London as a city which ceases to exist at the end of July every year and returns to life only in the late autumn is one which can be defended only on the score of ignorance. The truth of the matter is that London is never more truly London than in the late summer and in the early autumn, when we have sunsets which can be matched in no other city in the world, declares the "Observer."

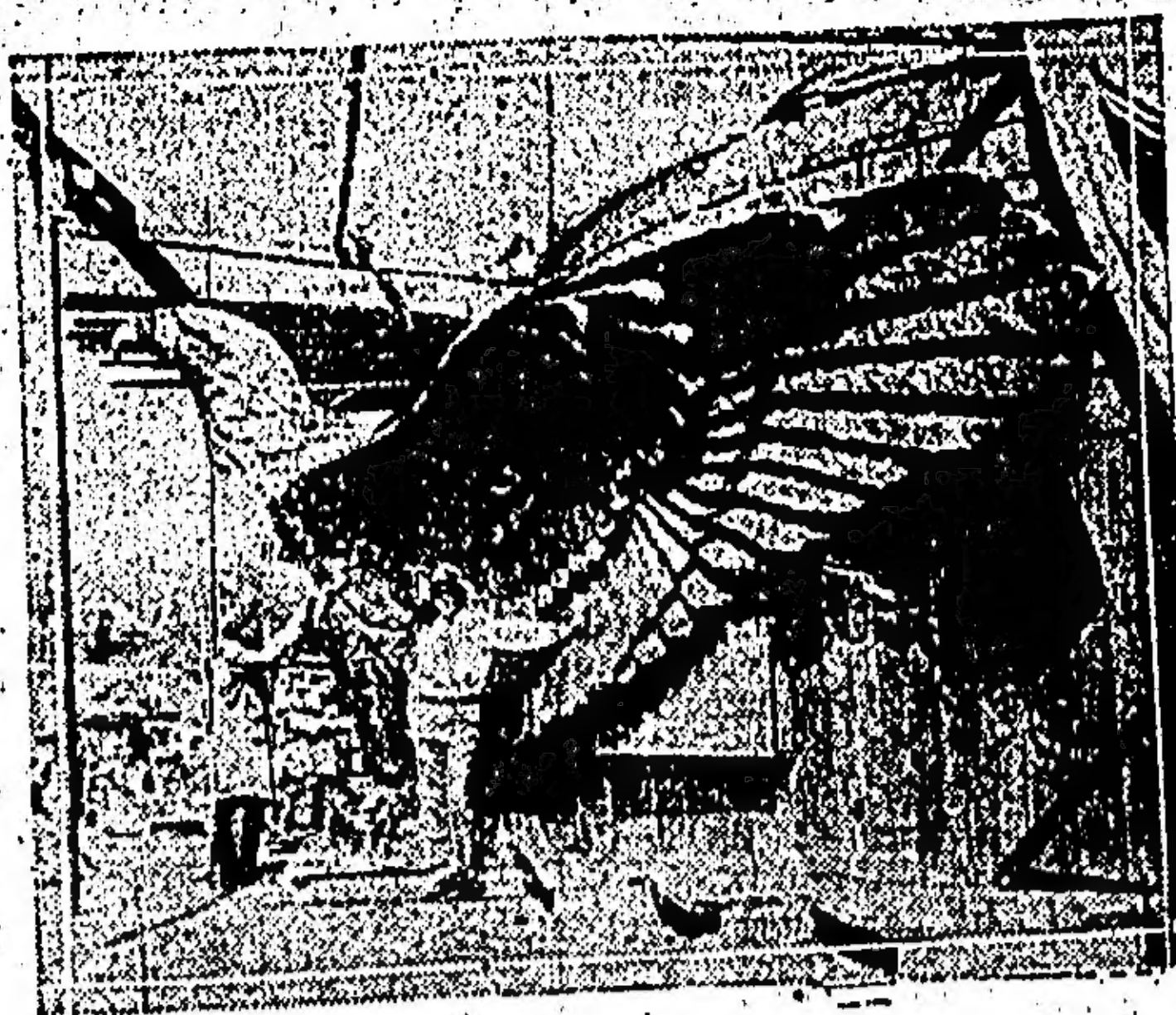
London from May to July is a top-sided town in which a fictitious importance is given to the sayings and doings of a small minority of its inhabitants living in a tiny fraction of its area. It is necessary only to mention the fuss made over the fact that two or three young persons attended a dance to which they had not been invited, to understand how values may be distorted in a city of many millions.

In August, London loses some thousands of its inhabitants, but it is at all certain that those who take their place are less interesting. August is the month of the real American tourists, those wonderful people who have saved enough from their salaries as professional workers to cross the Atlantic and "do" London. August is the month in which visitors from all over the Continent come to London, populated Bloomsbury and see the sights with an ardour and (it must be confessed) with a knowledge of what there is to be seen which puts the Londoners to shame. In a morning's walk you may hear all the languages of the world and feel once more that this is the World City, the city without seeing which no one's education can be called complete.

The City of Adventure
Even the native Londoner can find plenty of novelty and interest in August London. A year or two back there was a blue-blooded old Dowager whom no invitation could lure away from London during August. "I know nothing more enjoyable," she would say, "than to drive in the Park on an August afternoon, meeting no one I know, and watching people, children especially, really enjoying themselves." There is something fascinating about the dignified quiet of fashionable squares and terraces in August, drowsing through the long, warm afternoon, blinds with here and there a peep of holland-shrouded furniture.

And everything is just different enough to be delightfully unusual; the parks are quieter and yet more noisy; the laughter of all London's children on holiday has taken the place of the decorous chatter of the people who stroll beneath the trees along the Row in the Season; only in August does one realize Palmerston's aspiration for the parks—plenty of grass for the people and their children and as little interference with them as possible. London in August is the city of adventure. It is to be found everywhere. Nearly always some important thoroughfare is "up." The accustomed bus turns a corner suddenly and its delighted passengers are in a London they have never seen before.

Laughter and Noise
The silence of Gray's Inn is broken by the shouts of children of the Benchers; at the railway stations you may see crowds of sun-browned people disgorged from the trains coming up from the sea side, chattering over their experiences, not quite sorry, in their hearts, to see London again, for London never quite realizes her



MODEL OF HUGE AMERICAN EAGLE FOR COOLIDGE DAM.—Clay model for two giant American Eagles that will perch on bays at the top of the New Coolidge Dam in Arizona, is shown receiving finishing touches. A plaster of paris mould of the model will be shipped to the dam in sections and there poured full of concrete. The giant birds measure 33 feet, 9 inches from tip to tip of the wings and stand 10 feet 3 inches high.

grip on her own children. In the street you may see suddenly a face vaguely familiar, a voice long unheard hails you; it is So-and-So back from some outpost of Empire on leave. How glad he is to see you; how readily you forget the natural reserve of the Londoner in recalling old times and memories. There are different faces in the restaurants, that something of weariness which marks the London of the Season has gone; there is more noise, people talk more loudly, enjoy themselves more obviously. One day you may find yourself down by the river when there are people going and coming by the boats which ply to and from the Kentish Coast; or you may spend



Pio Romero Bosque, President of Salvador.

an afternoon at the Oval and hear again that authentic "bowled him" with which the Londoner hails an event that matters.

London seems to expand in August, to assert herself, to determine that everyone who is in London shall have something of what she can give. It is in August that London really renews her youth, though the foliage may be growing shabby and the grass in the parks may look burnt and brown. The days are growing shorter. London's violet mist clothes the parks and open spaces in the evening; now and then towards the end of the month there is a frost; not unpleasant, chill in the air; the sunsets grow in splendour and the London walking home through the growing dusk envies no man in all the world and finds it in home to pity those who never see London in August.

COST OF LIVING

ADMIRALTY REJECTION:
DISPUTED ACCURACY

The Civil Service Correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph" writes: The accuracy of the cost-of-living index, prepared every month by the Ministry of Labour has often been questioned, but the prospective drop next month in the Civil Service bonus is likely to raise the question in an acute form.

It is noteworthy that during the hearing by the Industrial Court of the claim for revision of the Colonial allowances paid to civilian officers anglophiles at Royal Naval Establishments abroad, the Admiralty, in opposing the claim, threw over the index figure. Whatever criticisms may have been offered outside, this is the first time that the Ministry of Labour statistics have been flouted by another Government department.

Replying to the second part of the claim before the Industrial Court, that the Colonial allowance should be reviewed simultaneously with the home cost of living bonus, and on the same basis, the Admiralty official aide gave as their chief objection to the proposal that the Ministry of Labour's index figure is based on an average household budget of 1904, and suggested that the distribution of expenditure may now have changed materially.

It was further stated that "even if the basis of the Ministry of Labour's figure were brought up to date," it would still leave unaltered the problem peculiar to stations abroad. If, as suggested by the Admiralty, the distribution of expenditure has altered materially, as in itself would render useless for practical purposes the value to be attached to the index figure, and leave it at best a mere theoretical figure.

But, apart from this consideration the Ministry of Labour's figure and the comparison drawn from it are based entirely on a working man's household expenditure. But the question is raised, not alone in the Civil Service, but in outside circles, as to the accuracy of such a figure when applied to other classes in estimating the cost of living to-day as compared with pre-war days.

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DATES OF MATCHES FIXED

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

Following is the draw for the Lai Wah Cup Competition, decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the H.K.F.A. Council, Mr. J. Ormiston presiding:

Army v. Navy, Oct. 27.
 Civilians v. Chinese, Nov. 24.
 Final on December 15.

Applications from three Army men to play for the K.F.C. were granted.

It was decided to hold a farewell dinner in honour of Mr. J. McCubbin on October 10, Mr. McCubbin is shortly departing from the Colony.

The following were present at the meeting:—Mr. P. J. Wedehouse, C.I.E. (Vice-President), Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., Messrs. J. Ormiston, F. Smith, J. McCubbin, F. W. Barber, F. W. Black, H. K. Lee, and W. E. Hollands (Hon. Secretary).

HOME SOCCER

London, Yesterday.

In the Third Division of the League, Northern Section, Accrington drew with Hartlepool United 2-2 and Nelson lost to Lincoln City 3-4.—Reuter.

CRICKET

The following will represent the Volunteers 2nd XI. at Kowloon on Saturday against the K.C.C. 2nd XI. at 2.15 p.m.:—C. R. West (Capt.), R. R. Davies, J. E. Hancock, R. K. Valentine, W. M. Groves, T. L. Christie, A. Read, V. W. L. Stanion, J. L. Bonnar, G. A. L. Plummer, and H. F. L. Ewin.

I.R.C. v. H.K.E.C.

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 8/1 Gala Eye
 100/15 Blue World
 10/1 Tarzan
 20/1 Horsford
 33/1 Perpetual Motion
 25/1 The Hawk

DOG SENSATION

WERE THE ANIMALS DISGUISED?

PAINT STORY

Belfast.—An inquiry is being held here into allegations of a sensational character concerning the running of two greyhounds at the Dunmore Park greyhound course.

It is alleged that two dogs appeared on the programme under wrong names. They were both returned as winners.

All the bookmakers except two left their stands and refused to go on with the wagering. The result was that there was no betting on the last two races.

It is alleged that the dogs were disguised by paint, and that afterwards the paint marks were removed by petrol.

Paddock Demonstration.

At the end of the meeting the owners of the dogs were interrogated by the officials of the United Greyhound Company, the organisation responsible for the course.

This was followed by a demonstration in the paddock.

The names of the dogs given in the programme were Too Tricky and Little York.

I understand the officials who investigated the affair were informed that one of the dogs was 'disguised' by means of white pads on the feet and a white tip on the tail.

Official's Statement

An official of the United Greyhound Company said:—

"Representatives of the National Greyhound Racing Club will attend to inquire into the allegations of substitution."

"The owners of the dogs have been requested to be present. They have been asked to bring the dogs which ran, and the two whose identity the now names were supposed to conceal."—"Evening Standard" correspondent.

BRIGHTER CRICKET

SUGGESTED DRASTIC REVISION OF THE LAWS

M.C.C.'S ACTION

In view of the recent phenomenally heavy scoring in county cricket matches, it is scarcely surprising to find that the M.C.C. have issued letters to county committees asking for their opinions with regard to certain drastic revision of the laws of the game which have been lately submitted for their consideration. The suggested alterations are on the lines of those put forward by the Hon. R. H. Lytton, and particularly affect the leg-before-wicket rule. It is proposed that in future a batsman may be out leg-before-wicket either to a ball which pitches straight, and though touching first the bat or hand would have hit the



Frank Wiggoff

wicket but for the intervention of the batsman, or to a ball which pitches on the off-side, but would have hit the wicket if the batsman had not been standing in a direct line between wicket and wicket.

In order further to assist the bowler to keep down the runs the co-operation of first-class counties is asked to discourage the practice of an exaggerated artificial preparation of the wicket, and to encourage the leaving of longer grass on the pitches. Counties are asked whether they are willing to give a trial to the suggested reforms during the season of 1929, and thereafter if approved to adopt them permanently.

It may be conceded at once, in spite of statisticians who tell us that very high scoring is not commoner but rarer than it was before the war, that there is a growing tendency for the bat to beat the ball. Umpires are being bred in a tradition which teaches them to give the batsman, not the bowler, the benefit of the doubt, and there is a general superstition that the public will only pay to see what are called batting carnivals.

Certainly the Hastings crowd were not unwilling to watch the last three wickets of the home county add 300 to the somewhat meagre total of 105 scored by the previous seven Sussex batsmen, but there are still many spectators who like to watch skillful bowling better than easy scoring. What most cricket enthusiasts are concerned about is not so much the high scoring as the rate of scoring.

Spectators chafe at the ease with which a batsman defends his wicket and the immense amount of time he spends there. Any rule that can alter this will meet with general approval.

It may or may not be due to the innate conservatism of sportsmen who naturally regard with suspicion any efforts to alter their accustomed practice, but it is noteworthy that the M.C.C. suggestions do not entirely commend themselves to some leading players of the game. One expert would prefer a widening of the wicket, another, no less an authority than Mr. C. B. Fry, sees no connection between high scoring and the existing l.b.w. rule, others, with considerable justice, remind us that a little wet weather would soon put the bowlers on top again, and there are those who put the blame entirely on the prepared wickets. It has also to be remembered that county cricket is not

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Berlin	20.34
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	54.44
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	29.39
Lisbon	107 1/2
Athens	375 1/2
Bucharest	79 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
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Yokohama	1/10 21/32
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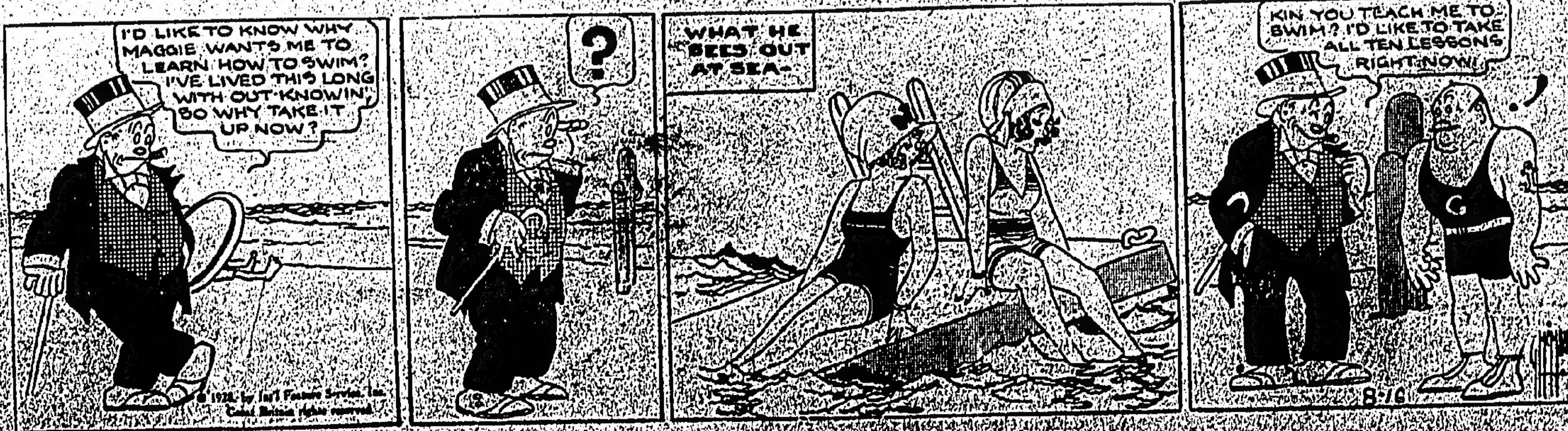
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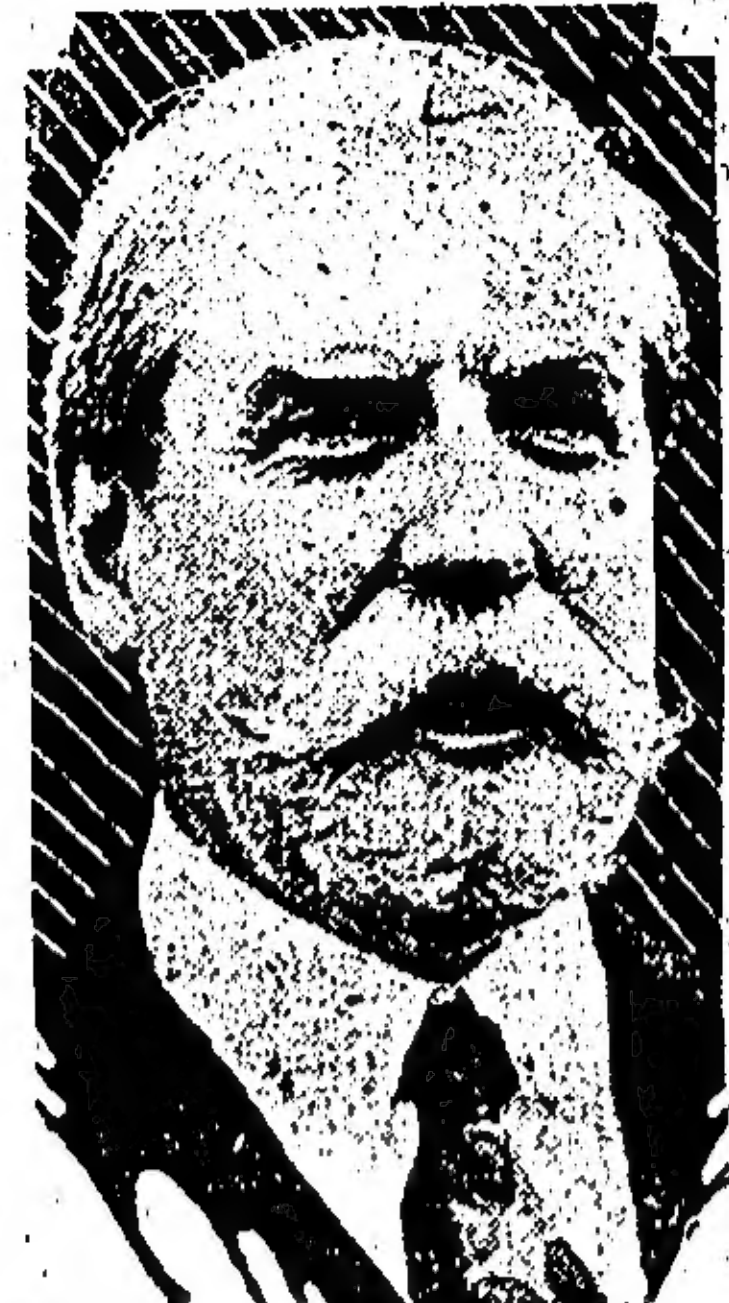
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

League Job for Him.



Charles E. Hughes, former secretary of state, who, it is announced, has been nominated by 28 nations for the seat in the permanent court of international justice vacated by John Bassett Moore. His election by the League of Nations Assembly in September was confidently expected.

Her Romance Cooled.



Mary Stewart Odam, 25, who is suing Thomas F. Hintze, engineer, for \$875,000 halm because, she alleges, he became her husband by "expression and intention" when he already possessed a wife. Miss Odam described herself as an ultra-modern bride.

Famous Rider Passes.



Mrs. Rosalie de la Mar Toutsaint Witcher, the first woman circus bareback rider, who was found dead in the house near Batavia, N. Y., in which she had lived the life of a recluse for twenty-five years. In her old age she earned her living by telling fortunes and cultivating a meagre garden.

"Many Kiddies."



Dr. Abraham A. Brill, whose advice to women is to have lots of children.

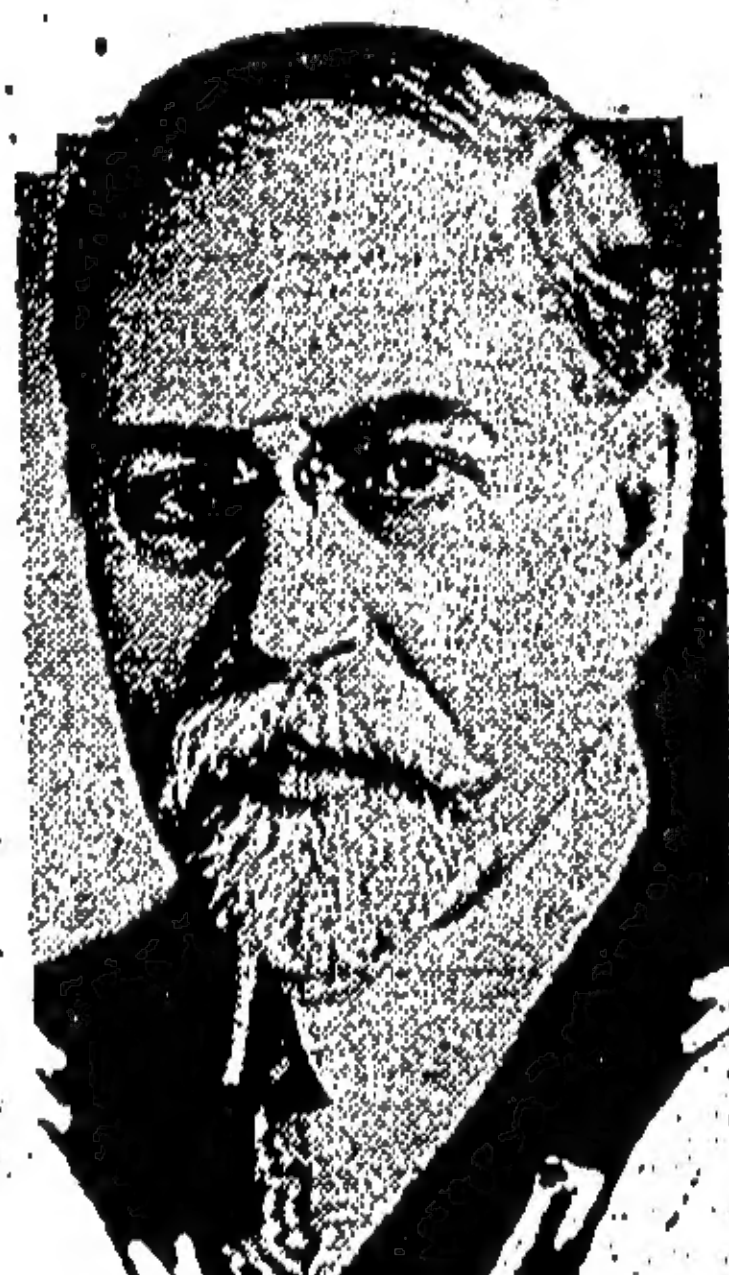
They Seek Endurance Crown.



Photo shows Anna and Okey Levins, newlywed aviators, who are planning an attempt to shatter the world's endurance record in a flight over the cornfields of Kansas. The bride is 18 and a Kentuckian. The romance began when Okey taught her to fly.



Benefit of Farmers.



E. R. A. Seligman, of Columbia University, who has been requested by John J. Raskob, national Democratic chairman, to draft a plan for the benefit of American farmers. He has signified his willingness to prepare the measure.

Wife Held in Love Slaying.



Mrs. Frances Kirkwood, 32, Woodside, L. I., woman, being led away by a policeman for questioning after she had admitted burying six inches of carving knife in the back of Dr. Glenn Kirkwood, her handsome husband. She was driven to the deed, she said, by her husband's philandering. In fact, Kirkwood at time of his graduation.

"Hizzoner" Is Back.



On his 42-day swing around the continent, Mayor James J. Walker, New York's snappy burgomaster, saw so much scenery, he says, that he'll never be able to look a Christmas tree in the face, again. Here's "Hizzoner" back at his desk in City Hall.

Atlantic Airmen.



Majors Casimir Kubala and Louis Idzikowski, intrepid Polish aviators, who, undeterred by the fate of Captain Frank T. Courtney and his companions, took off from Le Bourget Field, Paris, on a non-stop flight to New York.

Tex Deals Herself a Hand.



But the first card to turn in her game of solitaire was the ace of spades, which, if you remember your omens, means that "a dark man" is lurking just around the corner. Not so good, said La Guman. A few minutes later she was held in \$1,000 bail for alleged violation of the prohibition law.

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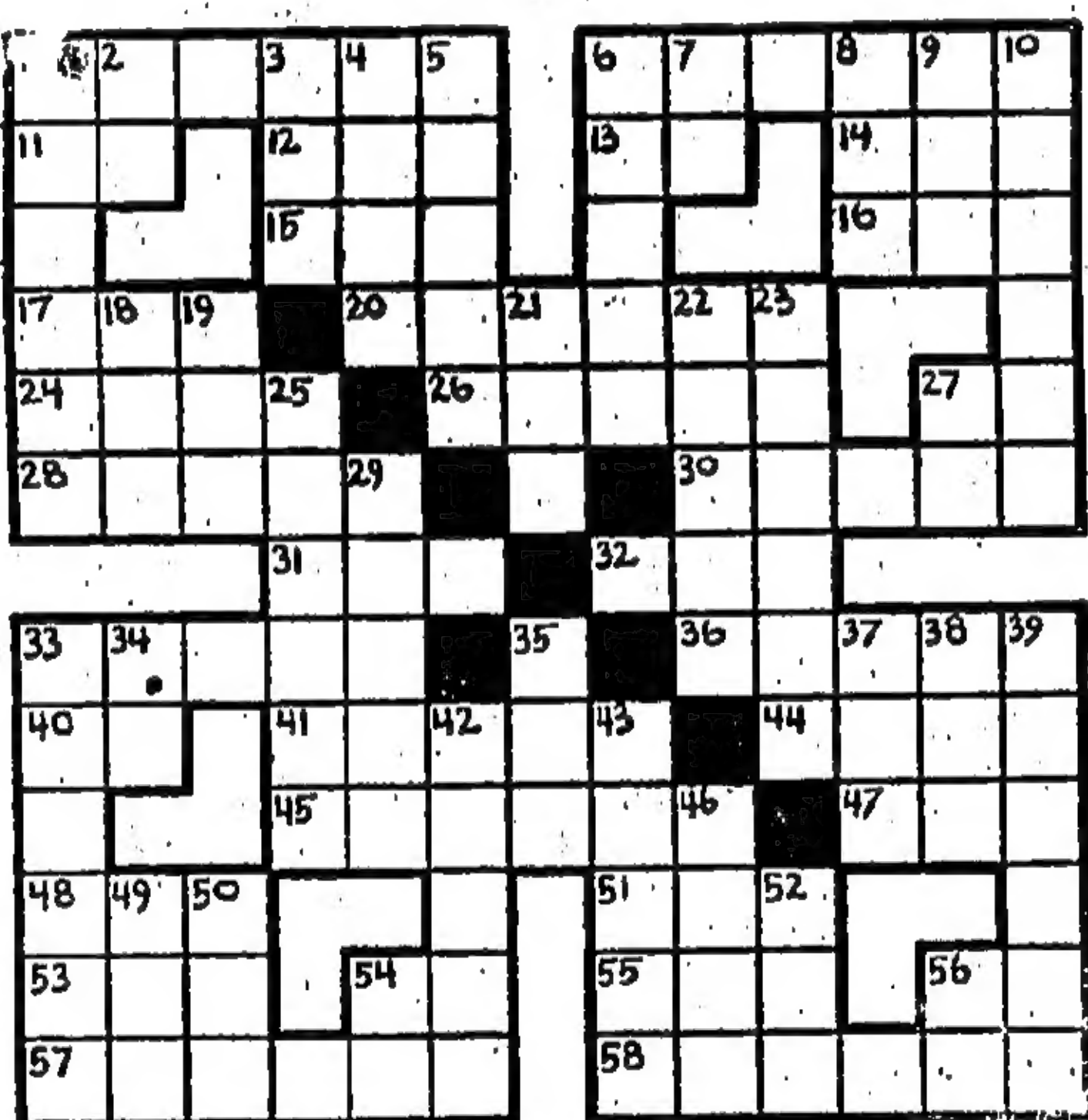


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phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1—Blending
6—More desirable
11—Like
12—Vehicle
13—Public notice (abbr.)
14—Natural mineral
15—Self
16—To stuff
17—2000 lbs.
20—Sweeps down
24—Female sheep
25—Fabric woven from
flax
27—Preposition
28—Stagger
30—Classifies
31—Consumed
32—Card game
33—Under
36—To disperse a liquid
in fine particles
40—Exclamation
41—Wipe out

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
44—Aggrieved
45—Cute
47—Light meal
48—Also
51—Knock
53—Terminate
54—Musical note
55—Ostrich-like bird
56—Article
57—Conveyed title
58—Twisted cotton
goods (pl.)
VERTICAL
1—Ruler
2—Exists
3—Fresco
4—Festers
6—Grumble
6—Leader's wand
7—Man's name (abbr.)
8—Toy
9—Period of time
10—Fortification (pl.)

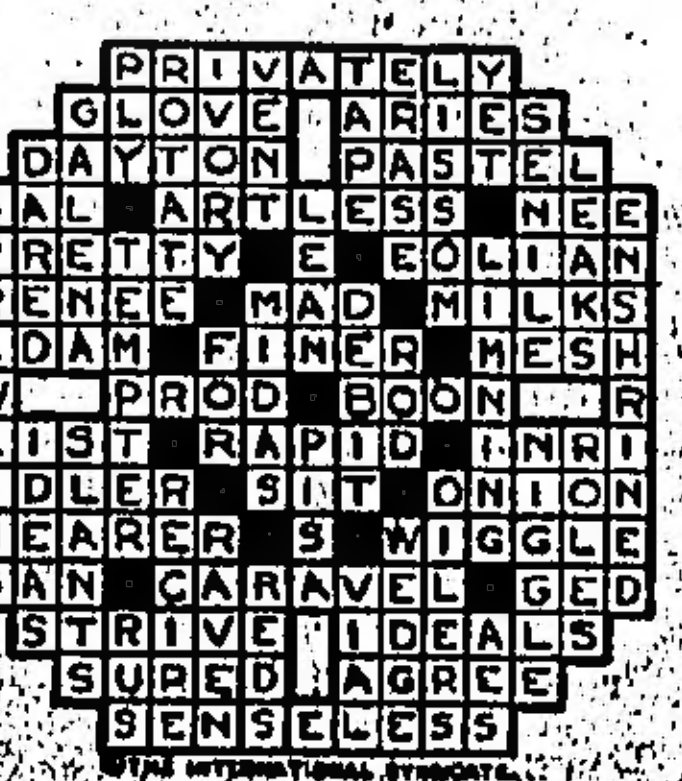
VERTICAL (Cont.)
10—Be indebted
19—Born
21—Lubricate
22—Mexican coin (pl.)
23—Pries
25—Roof covering (pl.)
27—Pronoun
29—Warehouse
33—Seasoned
34—Exclamation
35—Employ
37—Decay
38—Land measure
(metric system)
39—Longs
42—Evade
43—Stained
44—Identical
45—Unit
50—Poem
52—Joke
54—Pronoun
55—Before noon
(Latin abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to other words. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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Bowen Road (Alterbeds)	297
Tai-mo-shan	8124
Mainland.	Feet.
Kowloon Peak	1971

OLD TITLE

ROMANCE OF THE
DRUM-MAJOR

MAN OF MANY PARTS

[By Major T. J. Edwards.]
Army Order 139, just published,
reintroduces the old title of
"Drum-Major," officially designat-
ed since 1881 "Sergeant-Drummer."
In the following article Major Ed-
wards traces the history of the
office from its earliest days.

The drum is the lineal descendant
of the Biblical timbrel, and no
doubt its primitive simplicity in
construction would give it an early
place in the methods of expression
in both civilised and uncivilised
peoples. In the Chinese "Book of
War," written in the fifth century
B.C., Sun the Master said: "By
means of drum, bell and flag, the
direction of large forces in battle
is possible," and Wu the Master
said, "In the teaching of war,
spears are given to the short;
bows and catapults to the tall;
manners and standards to the
strong; the bell and drum to the
bold; fodder and provision to the
feeble; the arrangement of the plan
to the wise."

Even in those remote days the
drum had a very important place in
the tactical arrangements of an
army, and success or failure pivoted
largely on the personal qualities
of the drummer, a circumstance
which finds a place in our present
Army Field Service Regulations in
the following words: "Success
in war depends more on moral
than on physical qualities."

Introduced by Crusaders
The drum was introduced in
Europe by the Crusaders, who
borrowed the idea from the
Saracens. Its early employment
was near the standard, where it
assured the men, in the din and
dust of battle, that the flag was
still flying. This is the reason the
drummers are depicted beating
furiously in battle pictures of early
times.

The earliest employment of
drums in the British Isles appears
to have been at the battle of
Haddon Hill (1333); and Edward
III had them again at his triumphal
entry into Calais in 1347. Among
the household expenses of Henry
VII, in the nineteenth year of his
reign there is an item: "To on (e)
that played upon the drums, 6s
8d"; and in the diary of the siege
of Boulogne, 1544, it is stated
that the drummers marched at the
head of the King's (Henry VIII.)
Army.

So important was the beating of
a march of drummers that Charles
I. issued a warrant concerning the
matter: "Whereas the ancient
custom of nations hath ever bene
to use one certain and constant
form of march in warres, whereby
to be distinguished from one
another. And the march of this
our English nation, so famous in

all honourable achievements and
glorious warres of this our king-
dom, in foraigne parts (being
by the approbation of strangers
themselves, confest and acknow-
ledged the best of all marches)—
then following instructions re-
garding the march—"To the end
that so ancient, famous and com-
mendable a custome may be pre-
served as a pattern and precedent
to all posterite."

The "Master-Drummer"
The first appearance of the
person at the head of the drum-
mers seems to be about the middle
of the sixteenth century, Farmer
("History of Military Music in
England") refers to him thus:
"These officers first appeared in the
reign of Edward VI. (1547-1553),
when Benedict Browne was ser-
geant-trumpeter and Robert Bruer
was 'Master-drummer.'"

In mediaeval times "the drummer"
and "the drumme-master," or his
equivalent, were always referred
to as "officers," but the term did
not refer to the commissioned
officers, but rather to those per-
sons, other than fighting men, who
were necessary to the effective
employment of a unit. The pay-list
of the army in Ireland under Lord
Essex in 1598 shows that the drum-
mers were paid at the same rate
as surgeons, viz., one shilling a
day, from which it is inferred that
they were of equal importance.

Robert Ward, writing in 1639
("Animadversions of Warre"), sets
out very clearly the duties of the
"drumme." He says, "A drumme
is one of the necessaries officers
to a Company, and drivers passages
of waight and moment he is to be
employed in; for many times they
are sent to Parlie with the Enemie,
and to redeeme Prisoners from the
Enemie; therefore he ought to be
a man of personage, faithful,
secret, and trusty; He ought to
speak severall languages, especial-
ly the Drumme of a Colonel's Com-
pany ought to be thus qualified,
he hath Command of all the Drum-
mers of the Regiment, and upon
a march hee appoints every
Drumme his place."

Ward continues his list of the
virtues which this paragon should
possess, and a truly wonderful
person this "drumme" would have
been had he acquired but a fraction
of the total. The writer also
counsels him to "be very wary that
nothing be screwed from him,
neither by fayre nor foul means."
When one remembers that in those
days the "screwing" was no figure
of speech, Ward expected a lot
from the Drumme.

A Lapse From Virtue
This catalogue of virtues appear
to have been entirely ignored by
one John Correl a drum beater of
the Honourable Artillery Company,
for at a Court on Dec. 29, 1670, it
was ordered that his name should be
raised out of the Great Book "for
his unmanly action in biting off his
wife's nose."

A warrant of George III. dated
1777, is in existence appointing
"our trusty and well-beloved

Charles Stuart, gent." to be
"drum major general of our
forces"; and in the "London
Gazette" of March 5, 1791, "Drum-
Major William Hood, of the Cold-
stream Regiment of Foot Guards,
is, to be drum-major-general, vice
Charles Stuart, deceased." Gross
("Military Antiquities") states:
"There was in the King's house-
hold an officer styled, drum-major-
general of England, without whose
licence no one could, except King's
troops, formerly beat a drum."

Whatever exalted rank drummers
held previously, in 1778 they must
have descended to that of the
present-day, for Thomas Simas,
writing in that year on their duties,
states, "You are always to have
with you your apparatus for
punishing, as it is often found nec-
essary to hold regimental court-
martials at the drum-head, and it
should be an established rule that
a man that receives 100
lashes or more should pay
you 2d., and if punished a second
time for another offence, 6d. No
cat to have more than nine tails."

Farmer has a very in-
teresting note on the first
drummer of the Royal Ar-
tillery, one Joseph Brome, who
first appears in the pay lists of
1721, at the age of 8 years. Brome
rose to be a lieutenant-general,
and was three times commandant
of Woolwich garrison. On one
occasion while he was commandant
he was entering the Warren (now
the Royal Arsenal) when the guard
turned out, presented arms, and the
drummer beat two ruffles. Little
Brome ran up in great displeasure
to the drummer, and upbraiding
him for his inefficiency in the art
of drumming, snatched the drum
away, passed the suspending belt
over his own neck, and began to
rattle away in a very superior
style. Finishing with the two
ruffles, he exclaimed, "There, you
young dog, that's the way I used
to drum when I was a drummer."
Since 1899 the drum-majors of
the battalions of Foot Guards have
been Royal Household drummers,
and wear a State uniform, richly
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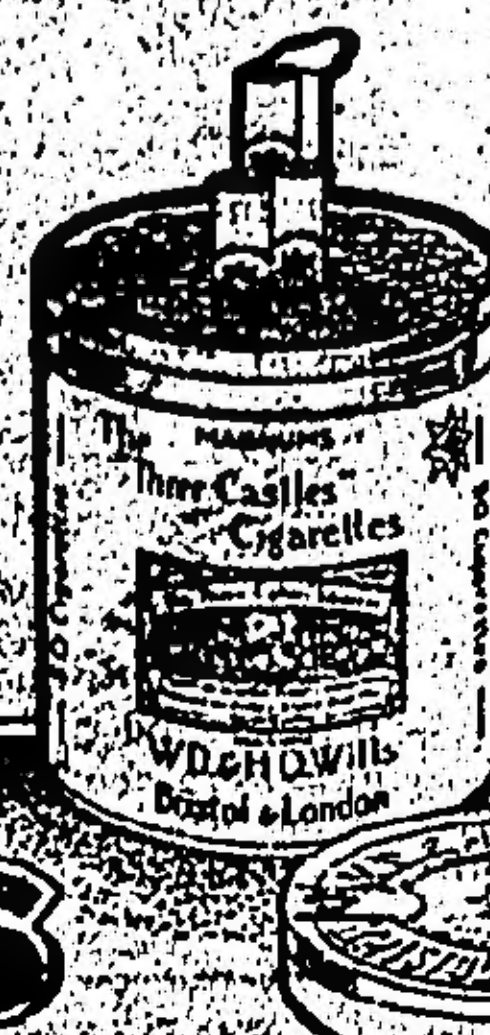
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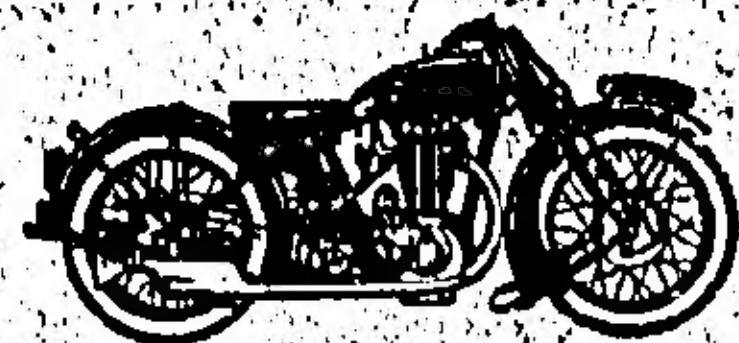


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Japan	President Cleveland
Manila	Szechuen
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AMERICA AND THE "COMPROMISE"

THE REPLY

PRES. COOLIDGE AND THE U. S. NAVAL BILL

"POINTED DECLARATION"

Washington, Yesterday. The State and Navy Departments are putting the finishing touches to their reply to London and Paris with regards the Anglo-French Naval Compromise.

It is learned that Pres. Coolidge is drawing attention to the United States future naval programme and a somewhat pointed declaration has been issued from the White House to the effect that Pres. Coolidge is proceeding on the assumption that pending the Naval Bill, authorising the construction of 15 cruisers and one aeroplane carrier, would be passed by Congress next session.

The Bill, passed by the House of Representatives, was shelved by the senate last session largely owing to strong criticisms of various Church and Peace Societies. It is now believed that Pres. Coolidge, piqued by the supposed Anglo-French accord, intends to push the measure as soon as Congress is convened. Reuter's American Service.

"ONLY FOR WOMEN"

MERCHANT'S VIEW OF OLD FORM OF OATH

CUTTING THE COCK'S HEAD

That he did not think it was necessary and that, at any rate, it was "only for women," was the reply given by Mr. Mok Ting-fong, of the Union Pacific Trading Co., No. 5, Duddell-street, in the witness box in the Summary Court yesterday, when challenged by the opposing side to take the old form of Chinese oath by cutting the head of a cock in a temple.

Mr. Mok sued Mr. Ip Hung, alias Ip Yuk-on, No. 80, Des Voeux-road Central, 1st floor, for \$95 under an I. O. U.

Appearing for Mr. Mok, Mr. P. M. Hodgson alleged that the money had been lent at defendant's request, at the Kowloon railway station.

For the defence, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Sr., (having entered a special defence of "illegality") maintained that plaintiff had told defendant, while both were in a gambling saloon at Samchun, just across the frontier, that a sum had been lost on joint account at fantan, and that plaintiff had induced defendant to sign the I. O. U. when returning by train to Hong Kong.

"Decision on Merits"
It was during cross-examination of plaintiff that Mr. Leo d'Almada asked if the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice P. Jacks) would give leave to put the challenge of cutting the cock's head. His Lordship said that if both parties were willing, he would order an adjournment so that a settlement could be come to.

Mr. Leo d'Almada added that if plaintiff did take the oath, his client would willingly pay. Plaintiff declined. On his behalf, Mr. Hodgson said that he wished the case to be decided on its merits, adding, to Mr. Leo d'Almada, "It is a little touch to strengthen your case. I know all about it. It is time this ancient practice were given a rest."

Judgment was given for the plaintiff for the claim and costs.

LI CHAI-SUM

EXPECTED TO RETURN SOUTH SHORTLY

Shanghai, Yesterday. Marshal Li Chai-sum is going south shortly but is returning to Nanking as soon as the disbandment and re-organisation of the 8th Route Army (i.e. Marshal Li's command in Kwangtung) has been completed.—Reuter.

TO TOKYO

VON HUENEFELD AT KARACHI

Karachi, Yesterday. Baron von Huenefeld, who flew the Atlantic in the "Bremer" with Captain Koehl and Commandant Fitzmaurice, has arrived here. He is on a flight to Tokyo in the aeroplane "Europa" accompanied by the Swedish engineer Lindner.—Reuter.

MADRID A CITY OF MOURNING

SAD SCENES

40,000 PEOPLE KNEEL IN STREETS DURING FUNERAL

KING REPRESENTED

Madrid, Yesterday. The whole city is in mourning. Over 40,000 knelt in the streets to pay their respects at the funeral of the victims of the theatre fire, who now number 110.

A representative of King Alfonso and the whole Cabinet and Diplomatic Corps marched in an endless procession to the cemetery. Several carriages were loaded with wreaths. All the victims were buried at the public's cost, and all cinemas and theatres were closed.—Reuter.

"WANTED" MAN

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED

AN "OUTRAGE"

Yesterday afternoon extradition proceedings, against a Chinese named Tsang Yu, who is wanted by the Canton authorities for alleged kidnapping in Chinese territory, was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who committed the fugitive to the Victoria Jail to await an order from his Excellency, the Governor for his extradition to Canton. The fugitive has the opportunity of appeal to the Supreme Court on a writ of habeas corpus by the usual stay of execution for a period of 15 days.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the defence, complained that the mistress of fugitive's wife, living in Staunton-street, had been sent for by the police and closely questioned.

When Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, assistant Attorney General admitted that this woman had been questioned by the police, Mr. Lindsell said that he had never heard of such an outrage as the questioning of persons prior to their being called to give evidence. His Worship said: "It is perfectly outrageous, and I hope you will draw the attention of the Captain Superintendent of Police on the matter."

Mr. Lindsell found that the evidence for the Crown was such as to raise not only a clear prima facie case on the charge, but also sufficient to raise a strong presumption of the fugitive's guilt.

Mr. Loseby said that what his Worship found as a fact was not binding on any other Court to which the case might be taken on a writ of habeas corpus.

KIDNAPPED

TWO HONG KONG BOYS HELD FOR TWO YEARS

RESCUED AT LAST

In amplification of the brief paragraph which appeared in yesterday's "China Mail," concerning the recovery of two small Chinese boys after having been kidnapped for two years, it is reported in the vernacular Press that one of the boys is a son and the other a grandson of Mr. Tang Yuen-cheung, a well-known merchant of this Colony.

Two years ago, says the report, a man named Yu Sum, a native of Shuntak (an important silk centre of Canton), who had been employed by Mr. Tang Yuen-cheung, as a shroff for some ten years, was visited by a man named Yu Man-sing. After staying in the house for a few days, this man brought Mr. Tang's son under pretence that they were going to take tea. Later, he went to a Chinese school in which the grandson of Mr. Tang was studying, and there he accompanied the boys to a motor boat and afterwards took them into Chinese territory.

A letter was subsequently received by Mr. Tang demanding a ransom of \$100,000 for the release of the boys. Later, the sum was reduced to \$50,000, but no compromise was made.

Finally, the case was brought before the notice of the fourth army at Canton. Soldiers were despatched to "round up" a village at Shuntak where the kidnappers were believed to be and ultimately the victims were rescued.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/12 1/2/16.

INDIAN PRINCES AND THE RAJ

MAHARAJAH'S VIEWS

UNSHAKEABLE ATTACHMENT TO THE CROWN

DIFFERENT ENTITIES

Montreux, Yesterday. Outspoken views as to the relationship of Indian ruling princes and the British Government were expressed by the Maharajah of Patiala to Reuter's correspondent.

The Maharajah emphasized that the princes' attachment to the crown was unshakeable and they were profoundly convinced that the British connection was vitally necessary to India, but the time had come for the princes to make it clear what their political relations were with the British crown and that they and their people would never submit to be governed by British India. The princes had long been conscious that the silent loyalty of the states tended to count less in the world of politics than the vociferous claims of British Indian leaders, but British India and the Indian states were two entirely different entities.—Reuter.

AN INQUIRY

SEQUEL TO A CHINESE GIRL'S DEATH

THE JURY'S FINDING

A verdict of "suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon by the Coroner's jury which, with Mr. W. Schofield, had been engaged for some time on an inquiry into the death of a young Chinese woman who was killed as the result of jumping from the roof of a house in Waterloo-road, Kowloon, on July 24 last.

In connection with the statement made in the course of the inquiry that the deceased was married to a European Sergeant of the Hong Kong Police Force, the jury added the following rider:—

"The jury think it should be made clear to the Chinese, if possible, that marriage with Europeans, evoking British Law can only be according to that law."

A further rider was added to the following effect with regard to procedure at the public mortuary:—

"We suggest that the identification form used at the mortuary should be in both English and Chinese, instead of English only, as at present."

ADVERTISING

SIR ERNEST BENN ON NET SALES

Sir Ernest Benn, speaking at the annual general meeting of Messrs. Benn Brothers Ltd., said that Ernest Benn Ltd., of which Benn Brothers Ltd. were the chief proprietors, had increased its turnover in books from \$80,000 two or three years ago to nearly a quarter of a million sterling, and this increase could be very largely attributed to judicious advertising. Bouverie House, through its trade papers, had never hesitated in the past to recommend advertising expenditure to others, but its confidence in the article it sold was now immensely strengthened by the wonderful practical experience it had acquired as an advertiser itself.

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